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March 23, 1894.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of the 17th instant, relative to the suspension of $34.94, in the adjustment of your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ended December 31st 1893, you are informed that the Certificates show that this amount was deposited by you with the Assistant Treasurer, U. S. at San Francisco, January 8th 1894, and no credit should have been claimed by you for the same until rendering your Accounts for the current Quarter.

The amount will be covered into the Treasury by Warrant and allowed in the adjustment of your Bullion Accounts for the current Quarter.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to say that I do not think it advisable to allow a depositor to add to a bar returned, United States Gold Coin sufficient to raise it to the minimum fineness of .500.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram Confirmed.

Do not think any exception should be made in melting Omaha & Grant fine bars. Tonghening charge should be imposed on all of their bars.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

March 23, 1894.

Mrs. Bertha Honore Palmer,
President, Board of Lady Managers,
World's Fair Commission.
Chicago, Ills.

Madam:-

Referring to my letter of the 21st instant, I have to state that upon a re-examination of the matter, I find that Miss Peddle's model of the head of "Isabelle" was returned to you through the United States Express Co., April 14th, 1893.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1894.

Jardine Matheson & Co.,
#74 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, you are informed that I have not as yet completed my estimates of the World's production of gold and silver for 1893. As

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soon as they are completed a copy will be forwarded you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1894.

W. J. Footner, Esq.,
Vice President, Great Northern Express Co.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant, making inquiry about when the contract for the transportation of gold bullion from the Assay Office at Helena, Mont., to the Mint at Philadelphia will expire, you are informed that the contract of the United States with the U.S. Express Co., covers the transportation of bullion between those points, their territory having been extended.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 23, 1894.

Mrs. M. S. Smith,
#310 North 32nd, Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:-

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, you are informed that there are four coinage mints located as follows:-

San Francisco, Cal.
New Orleans, La.
Philadelphia, Pa., and
Carson City, Nevada.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of March, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 89	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Actg Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of March 1894 and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Halves	Dels. 37 + 38	2.00
Total		$2.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1894.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 6th ultimo, in regard to the charges imposed by you on the

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deposit of gold bullion returned to the depositor in an unparted bar, I have to say that the only charges which should have been imposed in this case are those specified on p. 10, Art. 5, of the volume of Instructions and Regulations.

The difference between that amount and $1.15 the amount charged by you, should be refunded.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1894.

Hon. Lafe Pence,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 23rd instant, requesting that a copy of the "Mineral Resources of the United States" be mailed to D. J. Hutchinson, St. James Hotel, Denver, Colorado, you are informed that the last published report of this Bureau upon the Production of the Precious Metals has been mailed Mr. Hutchinson to-day, and your letter has been referred to the Director of the Geological Survey, for the mineral report.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1894.

Messers Dyrsen & Pfeiffer,
#254 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I received a box from you containing "Fromy Encyclopedie Chimique" for which

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I fail to find any order among the records of this Bureau.

I will hold the books subject to your orders as there are no funds available for the payment of your account for the same, amounting to $273.50.

I will thank you to inform me when and by whom these books were ordered.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 26, 1894.

John R. Conway, Esq.,
#13 Carondelet Street,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I received your letter of the 23rd instant in reference to new designs for coins and in reply I will say that the Act of September 26th 1890, specifies that the designs for coins can only be altered once in 25 years without specific authority from Congress. There is no intention, at present to change the designs of either the gold coins or the silver dollar.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 27, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise, Idaho,

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for the month ending February 28, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

March 27, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending February 28, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 27, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the United States Express Company for transportation of $10,018,792.29 in gold bullion from the U. S. Assay Office at New York to your Mint amounting to $2,504.75, which sum is payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instant, you are authorized to correct error in Shipment No. 29 from Denver, in your next memorandum of bullion received from that Office.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 27, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of March, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Half Dollars	Del. 2	1.00
Total		$1.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Quarters	Del. 37	.50
Total		$ .50

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Assayer in Charge Mint U.S.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

On a recent visit to the Philadelphia Mint, I was informed that it was not your custom to forward to the Mint an invoice in detail of your shipments. Hereafter you will forward to the Mint at Philadelphia a duplicate of the invoice forwarded to this Bureau, showing in detail the value and charges on each bar embraced in such shipment. In this connection I would say that I find upon examination it is the practice of the U.S. Assay Office at New York to impose a toughening charge upon all the Omaha and Grant bars, and I have instructed the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to do likewise.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Twenty-two Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-seven $\frac{09}{100}$ Dollars ($22,287.09) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Forty-nine $\frac{41}{100}$ Dollars ($149.41) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-six $\frac{50}{100}$

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Dollars ($22,436.50) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 35, dated March 26, 1894 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

March 28, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 35, dated March 26, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 35 dated March 17, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $22,497.77; charges $61.27, and net value $22,436.50. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1894.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Confirmed

You are authorized to employ temporarily, two additional conductors from first proximo.

R. E. Preston,
Director.

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March 28, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of March 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del. 68	40.00
	Total	$40.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1894.

A. Ellisen, Esq.,
Maida Hill, West W.,
London, England.

Sir:

I send you as requested by your letter of March 15, the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1893.

Roswag's, L'or et l'Argent, Paris 1892 (2 vols.) is a good book on the production of gold and silver up to 1886. I would also recommend most of what Dr. Ad. Soetbeer has written on the subject, whether in book form or in articles for German periodicals.

On the literature of the subject, I would especially recommend Soetbeer: Literaturnacheweiss über Geld-und-Munzewesen. Jacob on gold and silver is a good book on the period it covers. On ancient times, Vasques Queipo Essai sur les Systèmes Metriques et Monetaires des

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Ancients peuples: Lenormant, La Monnaire dans l'antiquite, and Hultsch, Griechische und Roemische Metrologie, may be consulted with advantage.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1894.

George H. Shields, Esq.,
Agent and Counsel for the United States
Chilian Claims Commission.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant, you are informed that the equivalent in American gold of 3,301.36 Chilian Pesos, on August 23rd 1891 (Sunday), was $1,137.98.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 28, 1894.

Miss Maude Palmer,
Ward "D" University Hospital,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Palmer:-

Your letter of the 10th instant, to the President, has been referred to this Bureau and will be forwarded to Mr. Townsend as soon as he enters upon duty, which will be about the 2nd proximo.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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March 29, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Merchants National Banks, Helena, Montana.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Merchants National Banks at Helena.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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March 29, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of March, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del. 69	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Half Dollars	Del 40	1.00
2 Quarter "	" 41	.50
Total		$1.50

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Quarters	Del. 90	.50
Total		$.50

March 29, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th instant, advising me of the shipment of a box containing medals to be

forwarded to the Royal Mint, London, has been received. As requested by you, the box containing the medals will be sent to the State Department, with the request that it be sent through the United States Despatch Agent.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

When you have worked up the double eagle ingots now on hand, you will confine your gold coinage to eagles, until further notice.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 29, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the "Revenue Cutter Service" for two National Ensigns shipped you on the 3rd of January, 1894, amounting to $14.30 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

over.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + bill of the "Revenue Cutter Service" for one National Ensign + on the 25th of January, 1894 + $8.60 + + Contingent Expenses + fiscal year 1894.

March 29, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Telegram Confirmed.

Please coin as early as practicable ten thousand dollars in dimes.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

March 29, 1894.

Messrs. Chandler & Company,
P. O. Box 2871,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 27th instant, I would say that it is not deemed advisable by the Department to ship minor coins to your city, so long as the sub-Treasury has an ample supply of the same on hand, which can be obtained upon application.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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March 30, 1894.

Mr. F. W. Christern
Dyrsen & Pfeiffer, Suc'rs.,
254 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I have to inform you that I have returned by express to-day the box containing the Encyclopedia of Chemistry, as per invoice, enclosed herewith. This Office has no moneys available for the payment of this account.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1894.

A. Hanauer, Esq.,
Hanauer Smelting Works,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 24th instant, fifteen copies of the report upon the Production of the Precious Metals for the calendar year 1893, will be sent to your address when ready for distribution.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 30, 1894.

Chas. S. Fee, Esq.,
Gen'l. Passenger & Ticket Ag't.,
Northern Pacific R.R. Co.

Sir:-

In reply to your request for information relative

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to Placer mining in Montana, I take pleasure in forwarding to you herewith, a copy of the statement furnished this Bureau by the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Helena, of the Gold and Silver product of Montana for the calendar year 1893.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the Month of March, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del. 22	20.00
Total		$20.00

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Actg Director of the Mint.

March 31, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of March 1894, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations. The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eighty-six Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-nine $\frac{01}{100}$ Dollars ($86,429.01) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Sixty-one $\frac{22}{100}$ Dollars ($361.22) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eighty-six Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety $\frac{23}{100}$ Dollars ($86,790.23) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver as shown by Memorandum No. 32 dated March 28, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 2, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Colorado National Banks, Denver.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, to that of the Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of fifty-eight thousand, two hundred and thirty-seven dollars and forty-nine cents ($58,237.49) payable in 3,130.265 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 32, dated Mch. 28, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 32, dated Mch. 23, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $87,053.22; charges $262.99, and net value $86,790.23. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia. This includes $30.39 value of silver & $67.09 charges deducted shipments 19 & 20.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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April 2, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Colorado National Banks, Denver, Colo.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 2, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $58,237.49, payable in 3,130.265 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Carson City to that of your Mint of the sum of

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$58,237.49, payable in 3,130.265 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of March, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del. 23	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Quarters	Del 91	.50
Total		$.50

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O. C. Boshyshell, Esq.,
Late Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8528 for $5,130.85, being on account of Parting and Refining Charges Cr. endg. Mch 31, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult.

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has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:
C. D. No. 8529 for $168.05 + Alloy Charges, Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, + 31st ult. + + personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. + 8530, + $54.00 + Special Assays + + 31st + no personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D No. 8531 + $59.43 + Sale of Old Material, Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894 + 31 ult. + no personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

Similar letters except as noted to:
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans.

C. D. No. 122, for $4.28 + Alloy Charges Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, + 31st ult + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. Your letter transmitting C/D's should be written on Form 108 A.

C. D. No 123 + $279.72 + Parting & Refining Charges + Mch. 31, 1894 + 31 ult + personal credit + bullion + to the credit of the over

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appropriation for parting and refining bullion. In future please use Form 108 A.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

C. D No. 764 for $31.00 + Sale of Old Material, Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894 + 31st ult + + no personal credit + bullion + + covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 765 + $204.00 + Special Assays Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894 + 31st ult + + no personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. + 766 + $412.71 + Alloy Charges, + Mch 31, 1894 + 31st ult + + personal credit + bullion accounts + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. 767 + $3,815.76 + Sale of By Products, + Mch. 31, 1894 + 31st ult + + no personal credit + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No 768 + $20,672.77 + Parting and Refining Charges, Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894 + + 31st ult + + personal credit + bullion + covered into + to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

The force at present employed at your Mint is excessive, especially the number of Adjusters, and you are hereby directed to reduce the same. It would appear that at least the services of thirty Adjusters could be dispensed with, together with a number of ladies employed in the Coining Room. In this connection I would say that there appears to be continual strife, and efforts made by the Adjusters, to be assigned to duty in the Coining Room. It would seem that there was a good deal of favoritism heretofore in the assignments, and to obviate all this I would suggest that you consider the propriety of employing men exclusively in the Coining Room.

I enclose herewith a statement prepared at my request some time since by the Coiner, giving the average number of pieces adjusted each month from October to February, and I find upon examination of the same that some of the very best Adjusters have been assigned to duty in the Coining Room. In making these assignments it would seem that the Coiner should have assigned others than his most expert Adjusters, as anyone is capable of feeding the presses. I would also suggest that the number of men employed in your Mint appears to be in excess of the requirements, and a reduction should be made, but pending the weighing of the silver dollars now on storage, I do not feel that I would be justified in naming the number of workmen whose services could be dispensed with,

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but leave this to your judgment. I also think that the number of persons employed as Assistants could be reduced without detriment to the service.

Owing to the limited amount standing to the credit of your appropriation for Wages of Workmen, it is absolutely necessary that a reduction should be made.

The persons engaged in weighing the silver dollars and bullion now stored in sealed vaults will be paid from the appropriation for Storage. It is my desire to make the estimates for the appropriation that will be required to supply the deficiency in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen, of your Mint, as early as possible, and I will thank you to make the reductions as early as practicable on this account.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the Account of the Philadelphia Mint, for 4 porcelain jars and crates for the same, amounting to $23, shipped to your Mint, which is payable from your Appropriation for Parting and Refining Bullion.

At the time the Accounts were sent to you for your certificate, it was the intention to settle it at this Department, but I find that the simplest way will be to have you pay the same and take the amount, $23, and deposit it with the Assistant Treasurer U. S., in your City, in the name of the

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Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia on account of the "sale of old material".

You will transmit the original and duplicate certificates of deposit to this Bureau.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1894.

George F. Shields, Esq.,
Agent and Counsel for the United States,
United States and Chilian Claims Commission,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In answer to the request made in your letter of this date, asking me to certify the gold value of the Bolivian dollar from 1882 to 1894, inclusive, I have to say that you will find the value required, for the above-mentioned years, in the Report of the Director of the Mint, 1893, pp 176 and 177, a copy of which accompanied my letter of March 10, 1894. The value of the Bolivian dollar January 1, 1894, and April 1, 1894, will be found in the enclosed circulars.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 2, 1894.

Messers Dyrsen & Pfeiffer,
#254 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 31st instant received and contents noted. I have carefully examined

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the records of the Bureau and would say that I find no written order on record given for the books.

The order was probably given personally, by Dr. James P. Kimball, who was Director of the Mint from July 1st 1885 to October 1st 1889.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, to that of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, of the sum of Forty-nine thousand four hundred and forty-one dollars and ninety-three cents ($49,441.93) payable in 2,398.35 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1894.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $49,441.93 payable in 2,398.35 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Carson to that of your Mint of the sum of $49,441.93, payable in 2,398.35 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of April 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del. 71	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

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2 D. Eagles	Del. 24	40.00
Total		$40.00

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of April, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $43,860.16, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$5,000.00
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	28,860.16
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	10,000.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

+ + + April, 1894 +

+ $6,200.00 + + +

Salaries,	1894,	3,200.
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	2,200,
Contingent Expenses	1894,	800,

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + April 1894 +

+ $2,400.00 + + +

Salaries,	1894,	1,000.
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	1,200,
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	200.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Official oath as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia bearing date of the 31st ultimo.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 3, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to request of your bookkeeper, I have caused the date of your bond to be inserted in your requisition for funds, which this day has been approved. For your information in future I would say that the bond bears date of March 13, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 3, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2,000. from the appropriation for the "Storage

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and Handling of Silver Bullion", Act July 14, 1890, to meet the expenses of your Mint on account of that service during the current Month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 3, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2,500.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution, during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

+ + + $8000.00 +
+ refinery + "Parting and refining bullion".

April 3, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Late Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

On your Abstract sheets for the Quarter ended December 31, 1893, Toughening charges on Deposits #640, Oct. 12 and #1076, Dec., 27, - 30 and 11 cents respectively,

were placed in the Alloy charges column and so taken up in the Bullion & Coin Accounts for the Quarter.

There seems to have been no Alloy charge made on these Deposits and I am at a loss to know why not.

I would thank you to explain by return mail.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

On your Abstract sheets for the Quarter ending December 31, 1893, the Alloy charge on Gold deposit #2078, deposited October 9, 1893, seems to be incorrect. The charge should have been $1.00 instead of 69 cents, and as you have added this $1 to your F. R. & Parting charges, I would thank you to make the necessary corrections in your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, by crediting P. & L. and debiting P. & R. Account with this difference.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1894.

Francis E. Woodruff, Esq.,
Morristown, New Jersey.

Sir:-

I find in looking over the figures which I sent you in my letter of March 21, 1894, of the stock of

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silver in the world in 1849, that, by a clerical error, the amount is placed at 335,505 Kilograms.

It should have been in round numbers, 153,050,000 Kilograms.

The following tables will show you, in detail, how the figures are reached.

Silver (1800).

		Kilograms.
Stock of silver existing in 1500		2,817,000
Production,	1501 – 1520	940.000
"	1521 – 1548	2,165,000
"	1549 – 1560	4,986,000
"	1561 – 1580	5,990,000
"	1581 – 1600	8,378,000
"	1601 – 1620	8,458,000
"	1621 – 1640	7,872,000
"	1641 – 1660	7,526,000
"	1661 – 1680	6,740,000
"	1681 – 1700	6,838,000
"	1701 – 1720	7,112,000
"	1721 – 1740	8,624,000
"	1741 – 1760	10,663,000
"	1761 – 1780	13,055,000
"	1781 – 1800	17,581,000
Stock existing in 1800		119,545,000

Silver (1849.)

		Kilograms.
Stock existing in 1800.		119,545,000
Production,	1801 – 1810.	8,942,000
	1811 – 1820.	5,408,000
	1821 – 1830.	4,606,000
	1831 – 1840.	5,964,000
	1841 – 1848.	7,804,000
	1849.	781,000
Stock existing end of 1849.		153,050,000

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Silver (1872).

		Kilograms.
Stock existing, end of 1849.		
Production,	1850	780,000
"	1851 – 1855	4,431,000
"	1856 – 1860	4,525,000
"	1861 – 1865	5,506,000
"	1866 – 1870	6,695,000
"	1871 – 1872	3,939,000
"	1850 – 1872	25,876,000
Stock existing in 1849		150,050,000
Stock existing end of 1872		178,926,000 Kilograms.

Silver (1892).

		Kilograms.
Production,	1873 – 1875	5,908,000
"	1876 – 1880	12,252,000
"	1881 – 1885	14,042,000
"	1886	3,021,000
"	1887	3,325,000
"	1888	3,673,000
"	1889	4,237,000
"	1890	4,011,000
"	1891	4,486,000
"	1892	4,727,000
" 1873 – 1892 inclusive		59,682,000 Kilos.
Stock existing end of 1872		178,926,000 "
" " " " 1892		238,608,000 "

The figures given are those of the World's production of silver and not of the United States alone.

I notice what you suggest about the cost of the production of silver.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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R. H. Owen, Esq.,
Supt. Maple River Grain & Stock Farm,
Effendale, North Dakota.

Sir:-

In answer to the inquiries contained in your letter of March 26th, last, addressed to Hon. J. G. Carlisle, Secretary of the Treasury, I have to say:-

1.- The purchasing power of the Indian Rupee, in India, itself, has continued about the same as when silver of which it is composed was higher. It has not depreciated, consequently, in the same ratio as the silver bullion it contains.

2.- The Mexican silver dollar is not redeemable in gold. I have no data to enable me to answer the question:- "Which goes the farthest in their respective countries in the purchase of commodities, the Mexican or the silver dollar?" The prices of commodities in the two countries depend on so many circumstances, that a comparison of the purchasing power of the two is difficult to make. I will say, however, that in Mexico, the purchasing power of the Mexican silver dollar has about held its own. In the United States, the silver dollar and the gold dollar are equal in purchasing capacity.

3.- The United States Greenbacks were an unredeemable paper money before the Resumption Act which was passed January 14th, 1875 and went into effect January 1st 1879. They were full legal-tender while so unredeemable, but did not circulate at par with gold.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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April 3, 1894.

W. F. Kendrick, Esq.,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

I herewith enclose statements relative to your inquiry of the 20th ultimo.

I am sorry I cannot give you the information covering a period of 400 years.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1894.

Chas. C. Miller, Esq.,
#311 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In answer to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 2nd instant, I have to say that the legal weight of the Spanish gold coin sometimes called the "centen" or as you have it, "centine" is 8.3871 grams, and its fine weight 7.5484 grams, corresponding to 129.429 grains and 116.4867 grains respectively. Its value in United States gold is therefore $5.017.

Very respectively,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S.

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Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars ($34,757.40), in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Fifty-three $\frac{06}{100}$ Dollars ($453.06) in Silver Coin, making a total of Thirty-five Thousand Two Hundred and Ten $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars ($35,210.46), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 36, dated April 2, 1894 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 4, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 36, dated April 2, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 36, dated March 24, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $35,304.78; charges $94.32, and net value $35,210.46. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith for your information the notification of your removal by the President, which will take effect upon the appointment and qualification of your successor.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Denver.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1448, for $939.33, being on account of Melting, Assaying and Stamping Charges, Dr. endg Mch. 31, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:
C. D. No. 1449 for $261.74 + Value of D. M. Room Sweep-bar, Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, + 31st ult. + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

over.

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C. D. No. 1450, for $1.50 + Special bullion assays, Dr. endg. Mch 31, 1894 + 31st ult. + + no personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt.

April 4, 1894.

Dear Mr. Leech:

As requested in your letter of the 30th of March, the Census volumes of Finances, Public Debt, etc., have been sent to Mr. Raffalovitch, No. 19 Avenue Hochs, Paris.

Very truly,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. E. O. Leech,
National Union Bank,
32 Nassau Street,
New York, N.Y.

April 4, 1894.

Sir C. W. Fremantle,
Royal Mint,
London, England.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 2nd requesting to be furnished with a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1867, I regret to say that after diligent search, I have been unable to find a copy. The difficulty in getting a copy is owing to the fact that prior to the establishment of this Bureau the reports were issued from the Philadelphia Mint, and only a limited number were printed. I am yet in hopes that I will be able to obtain, and forward you a copy, and will do so if possible.

Very truly yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Isham G. Harris,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, inclosing the nominations for Superintendent and Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

I return the same with the statement that I know of no reason why the nominations should not be confirmed.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1894.

Messers Dyrsen & Pfeiffer,
#254 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are informed that, at present the address of Dr. Jas. P. Kimball is unknown.

I will endeavor to ascertain it and if successful, will advise you of it.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 4, 1894.

Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co.,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to inform me of the

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lowest price per pound at which you will deliver ten tons best ingot copper to the Quartermaster U.S. Army, for shipment to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 5, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

While in your City on Saturday last, I understood from Mr. Cobb that shipments of minor coins were made to Chicago.

You are hereby instructed to make no shipments of minor coins to Chicago until otherwise informed. In this connection I will repeat that, as heretofore, no shipments of minor coin shall be made to any City where there is a Sub-Treasury located.

I will state for your information, that there are now in the Treasury, 276,000 dollars in uncurrent minor coins, which it is the intention of the Department to transfer to the Mint for recoinage at an early day. When this is done full instructions will be given you in the premises.

Until otherwise instructed you will make no further coinage of minor coins.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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A. R. Spofford, Esq.,
Librarian of Congress.

Sir:

Will you please loan to this Bureau, for the use of the Department, the 6th, 7th and 20th numbers of the "Statistical Abstract of the Principal and Other Foreign Countries?" I presume you have the publication, which is uniform with the Statistical Abstract of the United Kingdom.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1893, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

\+ + + bullion accounts
\+ Superintendent + U. S. Assay Office
at New York + Quarter + Dec. 31, 1893,
\+ + as required by law.

April 6, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion account for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1893, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as noted to:
Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York.

+ + + bullion account +
+ Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1893, + +
Please correct error in Alloy Chg. on deposit #2078 of $1.00 in Mch. Rr.

April 6, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of April 1894, has been approved for the sum of $9,200.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$ 2,700
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	6,500
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

over.

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W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

+	+	+	Month of April, 1894	
+	+ $226.60,	+	+	+
Salaries,		1894,		$226.60

April 6, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant requesting certain blank forms I would state that a supply of Certificates of Gold Deposits was sent your institution yesterday.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have instructed the Superintendent of the Carson Mint to remit you $15.62 to cover the net loss upon shipments of gold bullion from that institution to December 31st. You will debit your Gold Coin and credit your Profit and Loss account with the amount.

I will thank you to forward me a memorandum of the losses and gains on shipments from the Carson Mint for the quarter ended March 31st, in order that I may take steps to adjust the

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losses in your bullion accounts for the current quarter.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 385 for $233.25, being on account of Sale of Old Material and By-product, Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult., has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, No personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 6, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I find upon examination of the bullion accounts of the San Francisco Mint that upon nearly every shipment of gold bullion made by you upon transfer orders, there has been a loss, and for this reason I have decided to not cause the transfer to be made until we have received a memorandum of the value from the San Francisco Mint, and transfer at the values ascertained at that institution. Hereafter when you have gold bullion ready for shipment,

you will ship it, notifying this Office that you have done so, and when the San Francisco memorandum is received, a transfer will be made.

I find that up to December 31st, the losses on your shipments, after deducting the gains, amount to $15.62, which sum it will be necessary for you to pay to the San Francisco Mint from your Profit and Loss account, and you will, therefore, please forward to the Superintendent of that institution a check for the amount, debiting the same in your accounts for the current quarter.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

The United States Express Co., who have the contract for the transportation of gold bullion from your office to the Philadelphia Mint, request that hereafter the bullion be delivered to the Great Northern Express Co., in place of the Northern Pacific, until further notice.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1894.

D. A. Jones, Esq.,
Abingdon, Va.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, com-

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plaining of a scarcity of silver dollars for change purposes, I enclose herewith a circular of the Department showing how silver dollars can be obtained. From the circular you will observe that shipments of silver dollars are made by the Treasury, free of expense, to any party desiring them, upon the remittance of a like amount in currency.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1894.

Baltimore Copper S. & R. Co.,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offer to deliver ten tons best ingot copper at nine and one-half cents per pound F. O. B., to the Quartermaster U. S. Army in your city for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, is accepted. You will please deliver the copper to Lieutenant Colonel W. B. Hughes, Deputy Quartermaster General, 413 Courtland Street, Baltimore, and transmit his receipt with your account receipted in duplicate to this Bureau. It is desired that shipment be made as early as practicable.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1894.

Ellery W. Ellis, Esq.,
26 Morris Street,
Everett, Mass.

Sir:

The portion of your letter of the 29th ultimo to the

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Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, requesting a copy of coinage laws referred to in the Congressional Record of March 6th, page 3205, has been referred to this Bureau. In reply I would state that application should be made to some Senator of the United States, as the compilation of the laws referred to is published under the auspices of the Finance Committee of the Senate. As yet the Department has received no copies of this publication.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1894.

J. G. Hertwig, Esq.,
Plaza House,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are informed that the Department has not since the first of November, 1893, received daily cable quotations of the London price of silver. The number of silver dollars coined since November 1st has been 479, all proof coins.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 6, 1894.

Messers Ward & Huntington,
#14 Stone Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 3rd, instant, I am unable to state how much the decrease in the silver product of the world

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has been since the first of July, last, either from our own mines or those of foreign countries.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 3, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-two $\frac{16}{100}$ Dollars ($1,952.16) in Gold Coin, and Twelve $\frac{15}{100}$ Dollars ($12.15) in Silver Coin, making a total of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-four $\frac{31}{100}$ Dollars ($1964.31), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver as shown by Memorandum No. 33½ dated March 31, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

+ + + Mint at Denver + + + Mint at Philadelphia + Sixty Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-six $\frac{15}{100}$ + ($60,696.15) + and Four Hundred and Twenty-seven $\frac{84}{100}$ + ($427.84) + + total of Sixty-one Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-three $\frac{99}{100}$ + ($61,123.99) + Bullion + + Assayer + United States Mint at Denver + Memorandum No. 23 + April 4, 1894 + deposited at said Mint.

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+ + Assay Office at Charlotte + Mint at Philadelphia + Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-nine $\frac{50}{100}$ + ($23,129.50) + and Sixty-three $\frac{00}{100}$ + ($63.00) + + total of Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred and Ninety-two $\frac{50}{100}$ + ($23,192.50) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Charlotte + Memorandum No. 3 + March 31, 1894, + + at said Mint.

April 7, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise, be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.—) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 33 dated April 4, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 33 dated March 31, 1894 has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be

$61,275.75; charges $151.76, and net value $61,123.99. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters excepted as noted, to:

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Deposit Memorandum No. 33½ + April 4, 1894
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 33½
+ March 31, 1894 + + +
$1964.31, + — + + $1964.31.
+ + Mint at Philadelphia.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

Deposit Memorandum + 3, + April 5, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia + No. 3, dated
March 31, 1894, + + + +
$23,248.75; + $—56.25, + + $23,192.50.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

April 7, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant

Treasurer of the United States at New York, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Late Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I herewith enclose Duplicate C/D. #127 for $23.00. Original retained, awaiting your letter and statement of the "Old Material sold".

This is the proceeds of 4 Porcelain Jars and Crates for same, shipped by you to the New Orleans Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 7, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to a letter of this Bureau dated 3rd instant respecting a transfer of $49,441.23 from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Carson to that of your Mint I would state that the same has been cancelled.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

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Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

+ + + dated 3rd instant +
+ transfer of $49,441.23 + Bullion Fund of
your Mint + Mint at San Francisco +
+ that the same has been cancelled.

April 7, 1894.

O. C. Boxbyshell, Esq.,
late Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending March 31st, 1894.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + + Ordinary expense +
+ Month ending March 31, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver.

+ + + bullion Account's
+ Abstracts and Vouchers + Month
+ Mch. 31, 1894.

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Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of April 1894, has been approved for the sum of $488.40, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894.	$288.40
Wages of Workmen,	1894.	
Contingent Expenses,	1894.	200.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 7, 1894.

R. P. Rothwell,
Engineering & Mining Journal,
27 Park Place,
New York.

Telegram confirmed

Cannot give you distribution of precious metals until Monday or Tuesday next.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

April 7, 1894.

W. O. McDowell, Esq.,
20 Spruce Street,
Newark, N. J.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in reply to your telegram of current date, I have to say that any design for the exposition medal

you may wish to submit, it must be understood, must be without any cost to the Government, as no authority has been given any person to execute a new design.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 9, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1893, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 9, 1894.

O. C. Boobyshell, Esq.,
Late Supt., U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1893, with my approval. Please correct errors in Alloy Chgs. on deposits #640 & 1076 (total 41¢) in March Dr's account.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of April, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 D. Eagles	Dels. 73 & 74	80.00
4 Eagles	" 75 & 76	40.00
Total		$120.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + March, 1894, + +

2 D. Eagles	Del. 25	40.00
2 Quarters	" 42	.50
Total		$40.50

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + April, 1894, +

4 Quarters	Dels. 92 & 93	1.00
2 Dimes	" 94	20
Total		$1.20

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of April, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $20,500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$ 3,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	14,500.
Contingent Expenses	1894,	2,500.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

+ + + April, 1894, +
+ $5000.00 + + +

Salaries,	1894,	$1,500.
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	2,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	1,500

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

+ + + April, 1894, +
+ + $1600.00 + + +

Salaries,	1894,	$1,000.
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	500.
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	100.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2,500.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nevada.
+ + + $2,000.00 +
+ + + "Parting + refining bullion".

April 9, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending March 31, 1894.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + Ordinary expense +
+ Month + March 31, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + Bullion Accounts
+ Quarter + March 31, 1894.

April 9, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
Helena.

Sir:

C. D. No. 2164, for $44.00, being on account of Special Assays, Qr. ending Mch. 31, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 31st ult., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 2165, for $480.96 + Melting Assaying + Stamping Chgs. Qr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894,
+ + 31st ult. + +
personal credit + bullion +
+ + as a miscellaneous receipt.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I return herewith the Medal Fund Vouchers enclosed in your letter of the 9th instant, signed in duplicate.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of April, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del. 77	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Dimes	Del 95	.20
Total		$ .20

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F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of April, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $913.70, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$263.70
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	650.00
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 10, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Boise.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1881, for $105.93, being on account of Melting Assaying & Stamping Chgs. Qr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 3rd inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 1882, for $94.75 + + Value

D. M. Room Sweeps + + 3rd instant
+ + Secretary of the Treasury +
personal credit + bullion + +
+ as a miscellaneous receipt.

C. D. No. 1883, for $160.00 + Special
bullion Assays, Dr. endg. March 31, 1894 +
+ 3rd inst. + no personal credit
+ bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

April 10, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Herewith returned find Certificates of Gold deposits #2039 and #2651. On #2039, no amount is given in the body of the Certificate, and on #2651, the amount in the body of the Certificate should read Fourteen thousand instead of Four thousand.

Please correct and return without delay.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 10, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Statistical Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 11, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-four $\frac{13}{100}$ Dollars ($9,384.13) in Gold Coin, and Forty-four $\frac{30}{100}$ Dollars ($44.30) in Silver Coin, making a total of Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-eight $\frac{43}{100}$ Dollars ($9,428.43) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena as shown by Memorandum No. 37 dated April 6, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

+ + + Assay Office at Boise + U. S. Mint at Philadelphia + Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight $\frac{77}{100}$ + ($9,908.77) in Gold Coin + Fifty-five $\frac{98}{100}$ + ($55.98) + + Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-four $\frac{75}{100}$ + ($9,964.75) + Bullion + Assayer + Assay Office at Boise City + Memorandum No. 30 + April 6, 1894 + + to said Mint.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia

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for the month ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 11, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 37, dated April 6, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 37, dated March 31, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $9,449.98; charges $21.55, and net value $9,428.43. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 30 + April 6, 1894
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 30
+ March 31, 1894 + + +
$9,991.14; charges $26.39, + $9,964.75.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

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O. C. Boxbyshell, Esq.,
Late Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery accounts for the month ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint during the Month of April, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del. 78	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause to be struck and forwarded as early as practicable twenty-five bronze medals of Secretary Carlisle, the die for which was recently completed by the Engraver of your Mint.

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These medals will be furnished at cost. You will please forward your account for the same, and the amount will be promptly remitted.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint

April 11, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find one dollar, for which I will thank you to forward by express one hundred (100) pennies, coinage of 1894, to George R. Byington, Gazette Office, Norwalk, Connecticut, the expressage to be paid by Mr. Byington.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith the account of the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling Co., for ten (10) tons of copper purchased in compliance with your request of the 29th ultimo, amounting to $1,900.00.

Upon the receipt of the copper you will please transmit to the Company a draft on the Assistant Treasurer, U.S. at New York for this amount.

To enable you to make payment in this manner I have requested that an advance

of $1,900.00 be made you from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint and be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer, U.S., at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:-

C.D. No. 394, for $3,501.20, being on account of Parting and Refining Chgs. Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 5th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, to the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted to same address:
C.D. No. 395 for $410.98 + Alloy Charges,
Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, + 5th inst. +
+ personal credit + bullion +
+ as a miscellaneous receipt.

April 11, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The Official bond of George H. Smith, as an

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Assistant Melter of your Mint, has been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury and has this day been referred to the First Comptroller's Office for file.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 11, 1894.

Assayer in Charge, Mint U.S.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I would be pleased to have you come to Washington, if you can find it convenient to do so, in order that I may discuss with you personally matters affecting your Mint as well as your report covering the collection of the statistics of the production of gold and silver in Colorado for the calendar year 1893. Part of your expenses can be paid from your appropriation for "Contingent Expenses", and the balance from the appropriation for the "Collection of Mining Statistics," if the former will not admit of the payment of the entire amount of your expenses.

I would be glad to have you advise me by telegraph whether you can make it convenient to come or not.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 11, 1894.

Hon. W. Q. Gresham,
Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1893, and also a volume containing the Statistical Tables Exhibiting the Commerce of the United States with European Countries from 1790 to 1890, as requested in your letter of March 27th, for transmission to Mr. Jules Guyot, care of United States Embassy, Paris.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Baltimore Copper S. & R. Company,
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 10th instant containing your account receipted in duplicate for ten (10) tons

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of copper delivered to the Quartermaster, U. S. A., in your City, for shipment to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, has been received.

Your account has been transmitted to the Superintendent of that Mint with instructions to forward you a draft for the amount ($1,900.) on the Assistant Treasurer, U. S., at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1894.

General D. W. Flagler, U. S. A.
Chief of Ordnance,
War Department.

Sir:-

Referring to your reference of the 29th instant of the letter of Col. A. R. Buffington requesting certain silver and solder to be furnished for the use of the Ordnance Department, I enclose herewith the account of the Philadelphia Mint for the same amounting to $258.50, for which amount I will thank you to cause a draft to be remitted to the Superintendent of that Institution as early as practicable.

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint that the box containing the silver was forwarded to you direct, by the United States Express Co.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

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Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 11, 1894.

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April 11, 1894.

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Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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H. H. Higinbotham, Esq.,
President, Executive Department,
World's Columbian Exposition,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 1st ultimo requesting that in case the recoinage of the Columbian Half-dollars had not yet been commenced that the work be delayed for the present, I have to say that owing to the large gold coinage required to be executed at the Philadelphia Mint the recoinage of the Columbian Half-dollars turned over by your Committee has not been commenced as yet, but the Mint is now in a position to commence the melting of these coins at any time and I have, therefore, to request that you will give your final decision in this matter at an early day.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 11, 1894.

Mr. C. E. Barber,
Engraver U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Barber:

The box containing the bronze medallion and medal of Secretary Carlisle was delivered to Mrs. Carlisle yesterday. Both the Secretary and Mrs. Carlisle are very much pleased with it, as the former informed me to-day. I have written the Superintendent to-day to send me twenty-five bronze medals of the Secretary, and have no

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doubt his friends will want a good many of them.

Very truly,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 11, 1894.

E. L. Page, Esq.,
Vicksburg, Mich.

Sir:

The coin enclosed in your letter of the 2nd inst. was a genuine piece, the weight of which had been fraudulently reduced by the process known as "sweating". I enclose herewith draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago for four dollars and sixty-five cents ($4.65) the bullion value of the piece, as received.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Statistical expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law. Note recommendation on abstract of disbursements.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 12, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Statistical expense account for the fiscal year 1894, with my approval, except voucher No. 2, traveling expense account of W. S. Kelley, which contains an item of $3.00 for Hotel service at Neihart, on January 25th, for which no such voucher has been filed.

This amount has been recommended for disallowance and unless the voucher can be forwarded you will be compelled to forward a certificate of deposit for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 12, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I find upon further examination that your requisition for funds for the month of April overdraws the amounts to your credit in two of your appropriations. Your credit in the appropriation for Salaries is $850.00, and in the appropriation for Contingent Expenses it is only $62.10.

I find, by reference to your Daily Statement of the 6th instant, your balances on hand are reported

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as follows:

Appropriation for Salaries,		$1,561.85
"	" Wages of Workmen,	1,914.00
"	" Contingent Expenses,	1,249.20

With such balances on hand it is hard to understand why you should have sent in your requisition for more money for the service of the month of April, to say nothing of your having overdrawn your balances in two of the three appropriations, except upon the grounds of carelessness. I have caused the requisition to be recalled and cancelled; there will, therefore, be no advances to you during the current month, as indicated in letters heretofore sent you.

I will thank you to explain your action in forwarding this requisition, under the circumstances.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 12, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

C. D. No. 2163, for $2.80, being on account of unexpended balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses "Office Director of the Mint", for the collection of Statistics of the production of the precious metals inclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Statistical expense accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as

a repayment to the credit of the above mentioned appropriation.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 12, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, received at your Mint during the Month of April, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 D. Eagles	Del 79	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Quarters	Del. 43	.50
Total		$ .50

April 12, 1894.

R. P. Rothwell, Esq.,
Editor, Engineering & Mining Journal,
#27 Park Place,
New York, N.Y.

Telegram Confirmed

Send you by mail to-day distribution by States of gold product. Silver not yet completed.

R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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R. P. Rothwell, Esq.,
Engineering & Mining Journal,
#27 Park Place,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I herewith enclose a statement of the gold product of the United States for the calendar year 1893, distributed by producing States and Territories. I have not yet compiled the distribution of the silver product, but hope to finish it by Monday.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-), by a transfer of that amount in Gold Coin, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will

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procure an appropriation of $46,000 to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, for the current fiscal year.

In explanation, I would say that the appropriation of this amount is necessary in order to continue coinage operations at that institution during the remainder of the current fiscal year. The cause of the deficiency in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen is due solely to the large coinage of gold it was required to execute to meet the demands of the Treasury, and to do this it was not only necessary to employ additional workmen and adjusters, but to work a large portion of the force overtime.

The amount of gold coined at the Mint at Philadelphia from July 1, 1893, to date, has been $61,517,485. In addition to this, there has been coined in subsidiary silver $1,289,000, and in minor coins, $704,396.

There is now on hand at the Mint at Philadelphia and the New York Assay Office gold bullion approximating $50,000,000. Of this amount it is desirable to convert into coin before the close of the fiscal year not less than $20,000,000, making the aggregate gold coinage of the Mint at Philadelphia for the year about $82,000,000, which will be the largest coinage ever executed at any Mint of the United States in any one year.

Respectfully, yours,

R. E. Preston,

Director of the Mint.

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J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco in Gold Coin.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

To prevent a duplication of clerical work, attention is called to the fact that in submitting the transfer of Harrington *vice* Morrow removed, submitted under date of the 12th instant, you have taken the trouble to send two letters of precisely the same import and almost the same language. This is not necessary as the blank properly filled in to express your wishes, is all that is required in cases of appointments, transfers, removals &c. Whenever it is practicable the dates of commencement or termination of service should be given.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday I would say that I have heard nothing, as yet, in the case of Miss Blanche Carroll, but would prefer to hold the matter open for a day or two longer.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 13, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of April 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Halves	Del. 96	1.00
Total		$1.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 13, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense

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Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending March 31, 1894.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter to:

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegraph your gold coinage for April to date.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

Telegrams Confirmed

April 13, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Prepare and forward invoice of gold bullion approximating ten-million dollars for shipment to Philadelphia.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

April 13, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:-

Assayer's report on deposit of gold bullion #1465, dated March 5th, gives the weight, after

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melting etc., at 6.57 ounces. On your Abstract sheet it is given as 6.54 ounces and all of the calculations are made at the latter figure. The report is herewith returned for correction, if wrong.

If the report is correct the calculation is wrong and will be disallowed in your accounts.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver, be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U.S. Mint at Denver Colo., to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Forty-nine Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-one $\frac{90}{100}$ Dollars ($49,691.90) in Gold Coin, and

Two Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars ($216.21) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight $\frac{11}{100}$ Dollars ($49,908.11), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 34 dated April 11, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 14, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City for the month ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 14, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of

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the United States at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 34, dated April 11, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 34, dated April 6, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $49,984.75; charges $76.64, and net value $49,908.11. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1894.

Assayer in Charge Mint U. S.,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram Confirmed.

One hundred thousand dollars placed to your credit at New York. You can draw. Funds will reach Denver by mail Monday.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 14, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of April, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Eagles	Del. 81	,	20.00
Total		,	$20.00

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Halves	Del. 97	,	1.00
Total		,	$1.00

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April 14, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte.

Sir:

C. D. No. 2038 for $83.29, being on account of Melting Assaying & Stamping Chgs. Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 13th inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
C. D. No. 2046, for $82.50 + +
Special Assays, Dr. endg. March 31, 1894 +
13th inst. + + . no personal credit
+ bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt.

April 16, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will procure an appropriation of six thousand five hundred dollars ($6,500), to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen and Adjusters at the Mint at New Orleans for the current fiscal year.

I will state for your information than any deficiency from 1878 to the close of the last fiscal year in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen of the Mint at New Orleans was met by advances

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from the indefinite appropriations for the coinage of silver dollars contained in the acts of February 28, 1878, and July 14, 1890, but as no silver dollars have been coined at New Orleans or the other coinage mints during the current fiscal year, the entire amount due for Wages of Workmen has been paid from the specific appropriation for that purpose for the current fiscal year, which has been found to be insufficient.

There are now on hand at the New Orleans Mint for recoinage $897,500 in worn and uncurrent subsidiary silver coin, and in gold bullion $560,000, and the above amount will be required to continue coinage operations during the remainder of the year.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, to that of the Philadelphia Mint of the sum of ten million, forty-three thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars and twenty-three cents ($10,043,550.23), payable in 539,840.824 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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April 16, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for the month ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

See recommendation on abstract of disbursements.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Statistical expense
+ Assayer in charge + Assay Office
at Charlotte, N. C. + fiscal year + June 30, 1894,
+ + as required by law.

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Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Office to that of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, of the sum of $10,043,550.23, payable in 539,840.824 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at New York to that of your Mint of the sum of $10,043,550.23, payable in 539,840.824 ounces of standard gold bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer

of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-), and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending March 31, 1894, with my approval, except voucher #237, bill for electric Lights, which shows an erroneous calculation resulting in an overcharge of $2.80 that I have recommended to be disallowed. If the error cannot be explained you will deposit the amount to the credit of your appropriation for Contingent Expenses.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Wm. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

+ + + Statistical expense account + fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, with my approval.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending March 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

\+ + + Bullion Accounts
\+ + Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1894.

April 16, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 2050 for $108.01, being on account of unexpended balance of Appropriation for Contingent Expenses "Office of the Director of the Mint" for the Collection of Statistics of the precious metals, inclosed in your communication of the 14th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Statistical expense accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as an unexpended balance to the credit of the above named appropriation.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

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Assayer in Charge Mint U. S.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing copy of a letter from the Melter, asking authority to erect another furnace in the Melting Department, you are informed that before approving the request I would like to be advised as to the probable cost of the same, and whether your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the current fiscal year will admit of the expenditure at present.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 16, 1894.

J. K. Upton, Esq.,
Census Office,
City.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant, requesting a table showing the annual product in ounces of gold and silver, respectively, from and including 1800 to date, I enclose herewith copy of a speech delivered by Hon. Mr. Sperry, of Connecticut, in the House of Representatives, in August last, on page 71 of which you will find a table giving the information desired up to and including 1892. The figures for 1893 have not yet been compiled.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight $\frac{93}{100}$ Dollars ($59,788.93) in Gold Coin, and Six Hundred and Eighty $\frac{75}{100}$ Dollars ($680.75) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-nine $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars ($60,469.68) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No. 38 dated April 13, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 17, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 38, dated April 13, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 38, dated April 7, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $60,633.42; charges $163.74, and net value $60,469.68. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that

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of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 17, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find the official bonds of Geo. R. Snowden, Chief Clerk, and Mark A. Cobb, Registrar of Deposits of your Mint. You will observe by the enclosed slip from the Solicitor's office that the Department is not sufficiently informed as to the reliability of the "Citizens Surety and Trust Company" to accept these bonds without further evidence.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 17, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the Official bond of Geo. R. Snowden, as Chief Clerk of your Mint, returned to you by to-days mail for completion, I would state that the Chief Clerks of all other mints and of the Assay Office New York, are bonded in the penal sum of $10,000, each, and have been since the coinage act of 1873. I would, therefore, suggest that

in completing his bond the penal sum be increased to conform to the custom of the service.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 17, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department for Stationery shipped you in the month of February 1894, amounting to $64.25 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted to the following:

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

+ + + Stationery division,
Treasury Department for Stationery + February 1894
+ $54.79 + Contingent expenses + fiscal year 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho

+ + + Stationery division
Treasury Department + Stationery + February 1894,
+ $33.71 + Wages + Contingent Expenses + year 1894.

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Mr. S. M. Robertson,
Chipley, Florida.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, you are informed that prior to the passage of the act of February 12, 1873, individuals had the right to deposit silver for conversion into silver dollars, but by this act the coinage of the silver dollar of 412½ grains was discontinued. The act of February 28, 1878, known as the Bland bill, provided for the purchase of not less than two, or more than four million dollars worth of silver per month, and its coinage into silver dollars, and made the same full legal tender. Individuals, however, were not given the right to deposit their bullion for return in silver dollars, the coinage being exclusively on Government account, from bullion purchased for the purpose.

Since 1873 all coinage of silver, with the exception of the trade dollar, has been on Government account.

I forward you by to-day's mail a little pamphlet giving a history of the coinage legislation of the United States, and also a report of the Director of the Mint for 1893, upon pages 83-90 of which you will find a brief history of the coinage legislation of the United States.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund

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of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National, ~~Colorado National and~~ Denver National Banks, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty-nine Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($49,347.50) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Ninety-four $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($194.50) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty-nine Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-two $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars ($49,542.00), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 35, dated April 14, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

\+ + + U. S. Assay Office at Boise + Mint at Philadelphia +

Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-nine $\frac{46}{100}$

Dollars ($10,869.46) in Gold Coin, and Forty-three $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars ($43.48) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve $\frac{94}{100}$ Dollars $10,912.94 + Bullion + Assayer + + Assay Office at Boise + Memorandum No. 31 + April 14, 1894 + deposited at said Mint.

April 18, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary & Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 18, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National, Colorado National and Denver National Banks, Denver, Colorado.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver Colorado.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 35, dated April 14, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 35 dated April 7, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $49,613.78; charges $71.78, and net value $49,542.00. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.
Deposit Memorandum No. 31 + April 14, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 31
+ April 7, 1894 + + +
$10,941.93; + $28.99, + $10,912.94.
+ + bullion fund + Institution
+ United States Mint at Philadelphia.

April 18, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination

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and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending March 31, 1894 with my approval.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received the twenty-five (25) bronze medals of Secretary Carlisle and I enclose $2.25 in payment for them.

You are authorized to place these medals on the regular list to be sold at $2.00 each.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant, in regard to the deficiency in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen, you are informed that the Secretary of the Treasury has submitted an estimate for an appropriation of $6,500 to cover a deficiency in the appropriation for Wages of Workmen at your Mint, current fiscal year.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant, in regard to raising the sidewalks about the Mint, you are informed that I have referred the same to the Supervising Architect.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 13th instant, in regard to the erection of a new fence, and laying a new sidewalk about the grounds of your Office, the cost of the latter being estimated at $850.00, I have to say that before acting upon this matter, I would like to be advised as to the probable cost of the fence. If your deposits should be heavy I am fearful there will not be a sufficient amount left in your Contingent Fund for the year to meet the incidental expenses.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

J. W. Adams, Esq.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

The President of the United States having appointed

you, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to the position of Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, and having issued you a commission as such bearing date of the 5th instant, I enclose herewith a blank bond, together with the necessary blank affidavits of surety, to enable you to qualify to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office.

The bond will be executed in the penal sum of $100,000, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, and forwarded to this Bureau for the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. Immediately upon his approval of the same, your commission will be delivered to you.

To avoid delay, I will thank you to note instructions on the foot margin of the bond.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

Hirsch Harris, Esq.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

The President of the United States having appointed you, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to the position of Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, and having issued you a commission as such bearing date of the 7th instant, I enclose herewith a blank bond, together with the necessary blank affidavits of surety, to enable you to qualify to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office.

Your bond will be executed in the penal sum of $20,000, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, and forwarded to this Bureau for the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. Immediately

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upon his approval of the same, your commission will be delivered to you.

Please note carefully and follow closely the instructions contained in footnotes of the bond and affidavits, to avoid delays.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

Hon. E. O. Leech,
Park Avenue Hotel,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Leech:

Yours of the 17th instant received. I enclose you herewith, statement of the Gold product for 1892 and 1893.

You will see that the product of Idaho was less in 1893 by $74,000, than in 1892, while the product of Montana increased $683,000 in the same time.

I am disappointed in the product of California, Idaho and Washington. I was under the impression that there would be a slight gain in the product of New Mexico.

The agents' reports for 1893 make the product $36,952,000.

I find more difficulty in estimating the product of silver than of the gold and we have not yet finished our estimate of the silver product as I am awaiting further information on the subject.

Very truly yours,
R. E. Preston.

you, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to the position of Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, and having issued you a commission as such bearing date of the 5th instant, I enclose herewith a blank bond, together with the necessary blank affidavits of surety, to enable you to qualify to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office.

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To avoid delay, I will thank you to note instructions on the foot margin of the bond.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

Hirsch Harris, Esq.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

The President of the United States having appointed you, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to the position of Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, and having issued you a commission as such bearing date of the 7th instant, I enclose herewith a blank bond, together with the necessary blank affidavits of surety, to enable you to qualify to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office.

Your bond will be executed in the penal sum of $20,000, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, and forwarded to this Bureau for the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. Immediately

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upon his approval of the same, your commission will be delivered to you.

Please note carefully and follow closely the instructions contained in footnotes of the bond and affidavits, to avoid delays.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

Hon. E. O. Leech,
Park Avenue Hotel,
New York City.

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Very truly yours,
R. E. Preston.

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Chas. S. Fee, Esq.,
G. P. and T. A. Northern Pacific R. R. Co.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant, you are informed that there is no objection to your using the article prepared by the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, on the production of gold and silver in 1893, or such portion as you may desire.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 18, 1894.

J. B. Robertson, Esq.,
26 Lombard Street,
London E. C., England.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th instant is received, together with the publications referred to. The copies for the Secretary and the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics have been delivered. I will prepare the table you wish and forward the same to you as early as practicable, which will probably be in the course of a week or ten days.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement,

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the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, for the month ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Ordinary Expense +
Assayer in charge + U.S. Mint at Denver, Colo.
+ Month + March 31, 1894 + +

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J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
U.S. Mint, Denver, Colo.
+ + + Ordinary Expense
account + Month + March 31, 1894
with my approval.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of April, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

8 Eagles	Dels. 82, 83, 84 + 85	80.00
Total		$80.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

4 Quarters	Dels 44 + 46	1.00
2 Halves	" 45	1.00
Total		$2.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Quarters	Del. 98	.50
4 Halves	" 99 + 100	2.00
Total		$2.50

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Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

It is desirable that you should cause fifty-

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thousand dollars ($50,000) in quarters to be coined as early as practicable, to meet the requirements of the Treasury that are likely to be made for the same.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 19, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, calling attention to the fact that there are no one-cent blanks on hand, and that you have only $38,000 of such coin available for shipment, I would say that there is a redundancy of these coins in the Treasury, and that a sufficient amount will be transferred you for cleaning and reissue to enable you to meet the demand for such coin.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 19, 1894.

Commercial and Financial Chronicle,
102 William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith find statement by States and Territories of the gold product of the United States for the calendar year 1893, as requested in your telegram of current date.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of April, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Dimes	Del. 5	.20
Total		$ .20

Respectfully, yours,
F. P. Gross,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Half Dollars	Del 47	1.00
Total		$1.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Half Dollars,	Del. 101	1.00
Total		$1.00

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Assayer in Charge Mint U.S.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a letter received from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint in reference to a shortage

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in the fineness of shipments No. 36 and 37. You will observe that the Superintendent states that a large part of the shipment consists of "coppery" gold, which is quite brittle. You will be careful to impose on all bullion of this character a melting charge, as it is necessary that the Mint at Philadelphia should refine it, and you should make a charge covering the cost of refining.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Actg Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1894.

Gorham Manufacturing Company,
Broadway and 19th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, you are informed that all English silver coins are .925 fine. I send you by to-day's mail a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1893, upon pages 92-93 of which you will find the changes in the weight and fineness of our silver coins from 1792 to date.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 20, 1894.

Messrs. Bradford Rhodes & Co.,
78 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I enclose herewith a circular from which you will

observe that mutilated and uncurrent silver coin is purchased at the mint at its bullion value, without regard to whether it is subsidiary, or standard dollars.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

P. S.
The present rate paid for this silver is 53 cents.

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To the Postmaster,
Seneca Falls, N. Y.

Sir:
I will thank you to inform me whether T. S. Hitchcock, M. D. S., is still a resident of your place, and if so, his address, as I desire to communicate with him officially.

Respectfully, yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:
I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Boise and Helena, for the month ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

April 23, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

The expenses of Messrs W. E. Morgan and Cabell Whitehead, while engaged in weighing the silver coin and bullion at your Mint, will be paid by you from your appropriation for "Storage", current fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Whitehead will be at the Mint to-morrow

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morning to commence weighing the silver out of the large vault. Make preparations accordingly.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

April 23, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the Month of April, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del 48	.50
2 Half Dollars	" 49	1.00
Total		$1.50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Half Dollars	Del. 102	1.00
Total		$1.00

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J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 14th instant in reference to the mint in your city, and in reply I would say that I have recommended

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that operations be continued upon the same basis as at the New York Assay Office, with this exception that after your supply of gold coin is exhausted, deposits of gold will be paid for by check on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco or New York, if preferred, in case they do not wish fine bars. Silver will be received and paid for either in fine or unparted bars. The deposits at your mint are not sufficient to justify coinage operations; if they were, I should have no hesitancy in recommending a continuance of such operations, but I do not think, with the arrangements we have made, your depositors will suffer any detriment whatever. The Secretary has recommended that appropriations be made by Congress to continue operations at your Mint upon the basis above indicated.

Yours truly,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 23, 1894.

Cabell Whitehead, Esq.,
Bureau of the Mint.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to Philadelphia to superintend the weighing out of the large vault under seal of silver dollars, and to perform such other duties as you may be instructed to do in connection with Mr. W. E. Morgan, who is now in Philadelphia. While engaged in this service your necessary expenses will be paid upon your rendering an account

to the Superintendent of the Mint, accompanied with proper vouchers for hotel bills.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Hon. J. A. Pickler,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant, asking to be informed as to what recommendation this Bureau, or the Department, will make in regard to the continuance of operations at the mint at Carson City, you are informed that the Department has recommended that it be conducted upon the same basis as the Assay Office at New York, with the exception that, as coinage operations have ceased at the Carson Mint, depositors of gold bullion will be paid for either in fine bars, or by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco: silver bullion to be received, and returned to the depositors in fine or unparted bars, as they prefer.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1894.

G. T. Lumpkin, Esq.,
Centre Cross, Va.

Sir:

I have to reply to your letter of the 6th instant, as follows: Seignorage is the difference between the cost of the bullion contained in a coin and the face value thereof. For instance, to-day's market

price of silver is 63 cents per ounce fine. At this rate the silver dollar, which contains 371 1/4 grains of silver, would be worth 48 and 3/4 cents as bullion. The seignorage is deposited in the Treasury, and silver certificates issued against it, and not Treasury notes, which were originally issued in payment of the bullion purchased.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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A. R. Spofford, Esq.,
Librarian of Congress.

Sir:-

Please let the bearer have, for the use of the Bureau of the Mint:

1.- The Production of the Precious Metals, by W. P. Blake, New York and London, 1869.

2.- The Mining and Metallurgy of Gold and Silver, by J. A. Phillips, London, 1867.

The volume:- "Accounts and Tables,- Statistical Tables,- '76-'83 borrowed by this Bureau, some weeks ago, is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1894.

Alfred Allen, Esq.,
#319 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 16th instant, to the President of the United States, has been referred to this Bureau,

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and I have, in turn, transmitted it to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, to whom application should be made by you.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Mrs. Emily Linderman,
Stroudsburg, Pa.

Madam:-

Your letter with enclosure, in relation to the discharge of Miss Jane Reid from the Mint at Philadelphia received, and in reply would say that it was necessary to reduce the force and the selection of those whose services were dispensed with, was left with the Superintendent, Mr. Townsend, to whom your letter and enclosure has been referred.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 23, 1894.

Miss Florence Hosmer,
#918 South 18th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Hosmer:

Your letter of the 21st instant enclosing one from Hon. Stephen M. White U. S. Senator from California, received, and in reply I would say that it was absolutely necessary to reduce the force of adjusters, and the selection of those to be dispensed with was left entirely to the Superintendent, to whom I have referred the letter of Mr. White.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Appointments will be approved to-day.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

Telegrams Confirmed

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Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

By direction of the Secretary, removal of Michael J. Bradley, appointment of William McQuillan, James Colton and Anthony Coll, deferred for the present. Letter by mail.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

April 24, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The appointment of Michael J. Bradley to a position in the Mint was made at the instance of Hon. Wm. A. Lite, of the 24th District and the Hon James Kerr, Clerk of the House of Representatives, by request preferred through the Secretary of the Treasury. This being the case, the Secretary is desirous that the causes of his removal may be furnished, which I will thank you to do.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to-day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you a further sum of $3,000 from the appropriation for the storage and handling of Silver Bullion (Act July 14, '90) to meet the expenses of that service at your mint during the present settlement and count.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 24, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to cause to be struck and forwarded as early as practicable fifty (50) of Secretary Carlisle's medals, which you will furnish at cost, transmitting your account with the medals.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Late Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Care of Fidelity Mutual Life Association
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon my visit to Philadelphia on Saturday I was informed that you had not as yet made good

the $3,000 due from you on account of minor coins. I have to request that you will do so immediately, as the matter has now been standing for three years, and should have been settled before you left the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 24, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Late Supt Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Report of Medals and Proof Coins, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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Messrs B. Westerman & Co.,
812 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please order for the use of the Bureau of the Mint:

1. Mineral Statistics of the United Kingdom for the year 1893.
1. Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom for the year 1893.
1. Statistical Abstract of the United Kingdom. 41st No.
1. Statistical Abstract of the Principal and Other Foreign Countries. 20th No.
1. Statistical Abstract for the Several Colonial Possessions. 31st No.
1. Statistical Abstract relating to British India, No. 28.

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To complete volumes, we need the following:

1. Journal of the Institute of Bankers, Part VI, Vol. XII, 1891.
1. D'Economiste Francais, Dec. 7, 1893, No. 49.
1. The Statist, May 6, July 1 and July 8, 1893.
1. L'Economiste European, Dec. 3, 1893, No. 99.
1. The Mexican Financier, March 17, 1894, No. 26.

I would call your attention to the fact that the Bureau has not received the Annales des Mines for December, 1893, nor for February, March, or April, 1894, all of which you will oblige me by supplying at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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R. P. Keating, Esq.,
Virginia City, Nevada.

Sir:

Yours of the 12th instant received. If I can have the article on the Comstock Lode by the first of May, it will be in time. I forwarded Governor Adams' bond some days since to be executed. As soon as that is received and approved by the Secretary his commission will be forwarded him. I could facilitate his entering on duty if I knew some United States officer to whom I could forward the commission, to be held until his bond is approved, when the party holding the commission would be notified by telegraph to deliver the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. N. C. Blanchard,
United States Senate.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant, inclosing one from Mr. F. Manhein, you are informed that silver is coined only on Government account, individuals not being permitted by law to deposit it for coinage. When the coinage of silver dollars was made on individual account a charge was made for the alloy that was necessary, and also one-half cent per piece for striking. If the coinage of silver were free, the Government would simply return the depositor the coining value of his silver, less any charges necessary to fit it for coinage. In case of free coinage, there would be no seignorage accruing to the Government, as the depositor would get the full coining value of his silver, the seignorage being the difference between the cost of the bullion contained in the silver dollar, and its face value. At to-day's London price for silver the bullion value of the silver dollar is 48 and 3/4 cents; the difference, 51 and 1/4 cents, would be the seignorage that would accrue to the Government on bullion purchased to-day.

The letter of Mr. Manhein is returned herewith.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for examination and report a quarter dollar of the coinage of the Philadelphia Mint of 1873, which is larger in diameter than when originally issued. My own impression is that the coin has been placed under some powerful pressure, and its diameter impressed in this manner. I would be pleased to have you submit it to the Engraver, and Coiner, and such other persons in the Mint as may be familiar with such matters, and return the same, with your report, to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find the erroneous electric light voucher filed with your Ordinary account for the month of March. The duplicate sent in your letter of the 19th instant has been filed with the account instead.

In this connection your attention is called to the apparent carelessness exhibited in the examination of these vouchers. A closer scruting would certainly have disclosed the fact that the price per light was not the same in both.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 25, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward form of advertisement for supplies that will be required by your institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, in order that the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury may be procured for the publication of the same in ample time for the awards and approval of the contracts to be made before the commencement of the next fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following:

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Assayer in Charge Mint U. S.,
Denver, Colorado.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

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Telegram Confirmed.

R. P. Rothwell,
Engineering and Mining Journal.
27 Park Place, New York.

Mail you approximate distribution of silver product to-day.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

April 26, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, I would state that such duck and other material as it may be necessary to purchase for new bags will have to be paid for from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, as it cannot properly be paid from any profit accruing from the Coinage of subsidiary silver.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, an account of the Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Company) Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of May, 1893, from Ogden, Utah to San Francisco of 20 sacks of copper,

amounting to $65.01, consigned to your care, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1893.

Duplicate bill of Lading herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to:
J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nev.

+ + + Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Company) + transportation + March and April 1893 San Francisco to Reno, Nev. + amounting to $10.23 + Contingent expenses + fiscal year 1893.

Duplicate bills of Lading herewith.

+ + Central Pacific (Southern Pacific Company) + May and June 1893 from San Francisco to Reno, Nev. + amounting to $16.26 + Contingent expenses + fiscal year 1893. + Lading herewith.

April 26, 1894.

J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson.

Sir:

C. D. No. 398 for $2,131.60, being on account of Parting and Refining Chgs. Dr. ending Mch. 31, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the 18th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury, to the credit

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of the appropriation for Parting and refining bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted to same address:

C. D. No. 398 for $10.41 + Alloy Charges + Mch 31, 1894, + 18th inst. + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. In future, comply with instructions given you in letter from this Bureau, dated April 3, 1892, regarding certificate of deposit.

C. D. No. 398 for $6.00 + Special bullion Assays Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, + 18th inst. + no personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt. Use form 108 A.

C. D. No. 398 for $25.45 + Sale of Old Material Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894 + 18th inst. + + no personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. Use form 108 A.

C. D. No. 398 for $300.40 + By product sale Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894 + 18th inst. + + no personal credit + bullion + + as a miscellaneous receipt. Use form 108 A. in future for Certificates.

C. D. No. 398 for $6.50 + D. M. Room grains Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, + 18th inst. + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. The above amount mentioned on Certificate as "Profit and Loss" means nothing. In future, state, if it is for D. M. Room grains or for what.

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J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter endg Mch. 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter to:

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

April 26, 1894.

Assayer in Charge Mint U. S.,
Denver, Colo.

Telegram Confirmed

You will report deposits of gold to the half thousandths only.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

April 26, 1894.

Augustus St. Gaudens, Esq.,
148 West 36th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I am instructed by the Secretary of the Treasury to state to you that the modifications in the reverse of the design for the medal of award of the World's Columbian Exposition, as shown by the three replicas submitted by you, are not satisfactory, and it is his wish and desire that you should prepare as early as practicable a new design

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for the reverse.

In this connection, I would say that the obverse of the medal as designed by you is entirely satisfactory, and that the Department would regret to be compelled to use a reverse designed by another artist; but the Secretary feels, in view of the action taken by the Senate Committee on the Quadro-Centennial, that the design of the reverse as at present would be subject to much criticism.

I would be pleased to hear from you whether you will furnish a new design for the reverse at an early day. I will state that the reproductions of your designs by the Mint at Philadelphia will be exact in every particular.

Respectfully, yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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J. M. Gorman, Esq.,
The Press,
New York City.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 24th instant, I enclose herewith a statement not only showing the number of copper and silver pieces coined from 1792 to the present day, but also the number of pieces and the value of other denominations coined.

I forward you a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1893, upon pp. 216-223 of which you will find the total coinages of the mints by denominations.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. James Kerr,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 25th instant, protesting against the removal of M. J. Bradley from the position of Annealer in the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, and the same shall have due consideration.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 26, 1894.

Miss Sally A. Marrine,
1543 Spring Garden Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Madam:

Your letter of the 25th instant, requesting to be reinstated in the Philadelphia Mint, has been received, and referred to the Superintendent of that institution, in whom the law vests the power of appointment.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixty-three Thousand and Thirteen $\frac{18}{100}$ Dollars ($63,013.18) in Gold Coin, and Twenty-six $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars ($26.03) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-three

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Thousand and Thirty-nine $\frac{21}{100}$ Dollars ($63,039.21) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 36 dated April 17, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted to same address:

+ + + Mint at Denver + + Philadelphia + Fifty-three Thousand Four Hundred and Two $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars ($53,402.92) + Sixty-four $\frac{36}{100}$ + ($64.36) + total of Fifty-three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-seven $\frac{28}{100}$ + ($53,467.28) + Bullion + Assayer + Denver + Memorandum No. 37 + April 17, 1894 + Gold Bullion + said Mint.

+ + Mint at Denver + Philadelphia + Fifty-one Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight $\frac{65}{100}$ + ($51,978.65) + One Hundred and Sixteen $\frac{93}{100}$ + ($116.93) + total of Fifty-two Thousand and Ninety-five $\frac{58}{100}$ + ($52,095.58) + Bullion + Assayer + Mint at Denver + Memorandum No. 38 + April 21, 1894, + +

+ + Mint at Denver + Philadelphia + Seventy-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-two $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($78,852.80) + One Hundred and Forty-seven $\frac{54}{100}$ + ($147.54) + total of Seventy-nine Thousand and $\frac{34}{100}$ + ($79,000.34) + Bullion + Mint at Denver + Memorandum No. 39 + April 23, 1894 + at said Mint.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense accounts of the Assayer's in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at Charlotte & St. Louis for the month ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

April 27, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 36 dated April 17, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 36, dated April 13, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $63,069.90; charges $30.69, and net value $63,039.21. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

Deposit Memorandum No. 37 + April 17, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 37,
+ April 13, 1894, + + +
$53,511.64; charges $44.36, + + $53,467.28 over
+ + + + + +

Deposit Memorandum No. 38. + April 21, 1894
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 38
+ April 17, 1894, + + +
$52,150.77; + $55.19, + + $52,095.58.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

Deposit Memorandum No. 39, + April 23, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 39 +
+ April 19, 1894 + + + +
$79,161.45; charges $161.11, + + $79,000.34.
+ + + Mint at Philadelphia.

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Wm. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

I wish to call your attention to the toughening charge made on Gold deposited at your institution, as you are now receiving deposits that require a specific charge for toughening. It is quite necessary that you should note the charge on your Assay Reports and also on your Abstract sheets by placing a small note as follows:- T. 1/2 or T. 1, as the case may be, over the amount of the charge and in the proper column.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper

accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, to:

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

April 27, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed to have printed in your city a supply of form enclosed in your letter of the 26th inst.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 27, 1894.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers of the Treasury for examination and settlement, an account of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co., for the transportation in the Month of December 1892, from Chicago to Council Bluffs of 40 casks of Ingot Copper, amounting to $82.32, consigned to your care, payable from the

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appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1893.

Duplicate bill and B/L. herewith.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Carson, Nev.

April 27, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

A bill of the Minn. & St. Louis R. R. Co., amounting to $15.83, for transportation of one furnace and two barrels of muffles for the use of your office, from New York to St. Paul, has been referred to this Bureau for payment.

The balance remaining to the credit of your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1894, is only $7.51; it will, therefore, be necessary for you to deposit in the Treasury a sufficient sum to cover the amount of this bill. It would be well at the same time to deposit a sum equal to the freight charges on this shipment from St. Paul to Helena.

If there are any other transportation accounts against your Office, for the fiscal year 1894, trouble and delay will be avoided by making your deposit sufficient to meet all of them.

This is the only account that has as yet been referred to this Bureau, except those of which you have already been advised.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 29, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are authorized to have printed in your city 4,000 copies of the enclosed faces.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 28, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 8550 for $75,000.00 being on account of Minor Coinage Profits, inclosed in your communication of the 27th inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 28, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Telegram Confirmed

Transfer of gold bullion from Carson will be issued upon your memorandum when received at the Department instead of as heretofore upon Carson invoice. Forward memorandum immediately.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New York, N. Y.

Telegram Confirmed

Telegraph to-day's London and New York price for silver.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

April 28, 1894.

W. M. Shipp, Esq.,
Cashier Deposit Bank,
Midway Ky.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th. instant, enclosing a quarter dollar, I would state that the same has been enlarged in diameter, under pressure. The coin is genuine, and is returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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W. E. Andrey, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 28th instant, stating that your supply of copper suitable for gold alloy is running low, and requesting that a supply equal to the best "Lake" should be furnished you, you are authorized to procure such copper as you may require for purposes of alloy. The special brand furnished by the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company, which you state has proven satisfactory, is cheaper than the "Lake" copper, and I would suggest that you place yourself in communication with this company and obtain from them such an amount as will answer your purposes for the balance of the current fiscal year. As your appropriation for Contingent Expenses is low, I would suggest that you limit the amount purchased to the quantity you will actually

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require for use during the current year.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 27th instant, stating that no transfer order had been issued covering shipment of bars No. 39 and 40 from Carson, you are informed that in order to obviate differences in the transfers between your mint and that of Carson, it was decided some time since that Carson should ship the bars as refined, and that the transfer would be made upon your memorandum; and the differences in the value of the bars would be adjusted by the Carson mint in its profit and loss account, and not enter into your accounts.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans.

Sir:

C. D. No. 143 for $5.80, being on account of Sale of Old Material inclosed in your communication of the 26th inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. Please forward itemized statement for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

April 30, 1894.

T. A. Matthews, Esq.,
14 and 16 Church Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, in reference to the medal of award of the World's Columbian Exposition, you are informed that it will probably be four or five months before the medals are ready for distribution, as the Department is not satisfied with the design of Mr. St. Gaudens for the reverse, and have asked him to submit a new design. As soon as this is done, the die will be promptly engraved and the medals struck without any further delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred and Seventeen 71/100 Dollars ($14,517.71) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Seventeen 16/100 Dollars ($117.16) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-four 87/100 Dollars ($14,634.87), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 226, dated April 27, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1894.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 226, dated April 27, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 226, dated April 24, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $14,684.27; charges $49.40, and net value $14,634.87. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution

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to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Director of the Mint.

May 1, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Late Supt. Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 1, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Record", "Times", and "Herald", inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + + +
+ advertise + "California Demokrat, the "Examiner",
+ "Post" + + + +

over

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + advertise + "Picayune", "States" and "Times Democrat" + + +

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

+ + + advertise + "Sun", "Times" and "World", + + +

May 2, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $6,400.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$3,300
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	2,300
Contingent Expenses	1894,	800

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + May + $2,597.30 +

Salaries,	1894,	$897.30
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	1200.00
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	500.00

May 2, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $7,000 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 2, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

The corrected monthly statement of the account of the Cashier, enclosed in your letter of the 1st instant, is enclosed herewith for your signature. I also return herewith your statement of the 30th ultimo.

Please sign and return corrected statement immediately.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

The attention of the Department has been called to the fact that you are requiring bonds to be executed to you personally by all workmen, laborers, helpers, and adjusters, employed in the Mint. I beg leave

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to call your attention to Section 3501 of the Revised Statutes which limits the bonds of officers other than Presidential appointments to assistants and clerks.

I have submitted this question to the Solicitor of the Treasury, and he decides that you have no authority of law for exacting bonds other than those provided for by Section 3501 above cited.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward the Official Oaths of all recent appointees of your mint, whose services commence during the month of April for entry in the Official Register of Employés of this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Telegram Confirmed

Solicitor of Treasury decides that you have no authority for exacting bonds from employees other than those provided for by section three thousand, five hundred and one, Revised Statutes.

R. E. Preston,
Director.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Stationery division, Treasury Department, for Stationery, shipped you in the month of March 1894, amounting to $130.32 payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as follows, to:

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nevada.

+ + Stationery division, Treasury Department for Stationery + February 1894 + $17.96 + Contingent Expenses + fiscal year 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

+ + Stationery division Treasury Department for Stationery + month of March 1894 + $26.28 + + Contingent Expenses of your Mint, fiscal year, 1894.

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Jewett W. Adams, Esq.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury having this day

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approved your official bond as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, I enclose herewith your commission as such.

Upon the receipt of your commission you can enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office at such time as may be mutually arranged between your predecessor and yourself. On the day you enter upon duty, you will subscribe the usual oath of office (blank enclosed) and immediately forward same to this Bureau.

As all funds pertaining to the appropriations made for the support of the Mint must be deposited by your predecessor, you will as early as practicable make requisition upon the Department, through this Bureau, for the necessary advances to meet the expenses of the institution for one month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1894.

Hirsch Harris, Esq.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

The Secretary of the Treasury having this day approved your bond as Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint at Carson, I herewith enclose your commission as such. Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office, it will be necessary to subscribe the usual oath of office, which is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Charles Scribner's Sons,
743-745 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your communication of the 1st instant, requesting that a copy of the "Mineral Resources of the United States" be mailed you, you are informed that this publication is issued by the Geological Survey, and your request has been referred to that Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 2, 1894.

Hon. Lafe Pence,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Your communication of the 1st instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, requesting that a copy of "Mineral Resources of the United States" be mailed to J. Warner Mills, Club Building, Denver, has been referred to the Director of the Geological Survey. This Department has no copies for distribution.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 2, 1894.

Dr. T. S. Hitchcock,
Hamilton House, East First Street,
Oswego, N.Y.

Sir:

In the examination of the files of this Bureau some weeks

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since, we came across a letter from you enclosing a ten cent note, under date of September 23, 1874, and requesting that a copy of the report of the Director for 1874 be sent you. I return the note herewith found in your letter, and will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Your address was obtained from the Postmaster at Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 3, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Sixty-eight Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy $\frac{42}{100}$ Dollars ($68,570.42) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Seventy-four $\frac{72}{100}$ Dollars ($274.72) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-five $\frac{14}{100}$ Dollars ($68,845.14), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 40, dated April 28, 1894 of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 3, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 40, dated April 28, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 40 dated April 24, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $68,935.67; charges $90.53, and net value $68,845.14. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 3, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge, Denver.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper ac-

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counting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the Quarter ending Mch. 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 3, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $10,200.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$2,700
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	6,500
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	1,000

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 3, 1894.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending April 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 3, 1894.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Republic" inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your Office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 3, 1894.

Prof. John R. Commons,
Secretary of the American Institute,
Christian Sociology,
Bloomington, Indiana.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of inquiry of the 7th ultimo, which I have not found time to answer sooner, I would say that, so far as I am informed, Germany is the only country that has what is called a "war fund", that is, an amount of gold avowedly held in reserve permanently for war purposes only. It is kept in a fortress at Spandau, but amounts to only 120,000,000 marks or $28,560,000 – not $300,000,000. I believe the Emperor is one of three who hold the keys to the chest or vault in which the fund is stored.

The Russian Treasury and State Bank (a state institution) hold some $400,000,000 in gold. It is sometimes alleged that a large part of this has been accumulated for war purposes. There is, however, no positive proof that such is the fact. Russian authorities claim that it is intended mainly as a fund to redeem the credit roubles with.

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Neither France, Austria nor Italy has any "war fund", beyond an army and navy appropriation contained in their annual budgets— such an appropriation as we have in this country.

In the table on pages 48 and 49 of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1893, all the gold in each country wherever found, whether in a war chest, public treasury, or in circulation among the people, is included, so far as it has been possible to ascertain and estimate the amount of the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 3, 1894.

J. Barr Robertson, Esq.,
26 Lombard Street,
London E. C.,
England.

Sir:

I enclose herewith statement showing by years the production of gold and silver in the United States by States and Territories, from 1880 to 1893, inclusive, embracing the period that the reports on the production of the precious metals in the United States have been prepared under the auspices of this Bureau.

I also enclose herewith a statement showing the production of gold and silver in Arizona, California Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah, (embracing the estimate of the amount produced from 1848 to 1873 in one sum), and from 1874 to 1879, yearly.

Trusting that these tables will answer your purpose, I am,

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. W. J. Bryan,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, requesting to be informed whether the Treasury records show an order made by Thomas Jefferson while President of the United States suspending the coinage of silver dollars, and if so, why the order was issued, I send you by to-day's mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for 1893, upon page 88 of which you will find a copy of a letter addressed to the Director of the Mint under date of May 1, 1806, by James Madison then Secretary of State, stating that "the President directs that all the silver to be coined at the mint shall be of small denominations so that the value of the largest pieces shall not exceed half a dollar."

No silver dollars were coined between 1805 and 1837.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

In examining your Abstract sheets for the Quarter ended March 31st, 1894, I find the following errors, which I will thank you to explain by return mail.

The Standard weight and value of Silver in Gold Deposit #11, you have given as 1.11 ozs and 66 cents, it should be 1.31 ozs., 73 cents.

over.

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You give the M. A. & S. charge on Deposit #33 as 38 cents, which should be only 28 cents. You have given the Standard weight and value of Silver in #61 as 42 ozs. and 25 cents, which should be 52 ozs., 31 cents. The J. R. Ptg. & Alloy charge given on Deposit #62 as $2.82, should have been $2.88. The Standard weight and value of the Silver in #86 is given as 4.21 ozs., $2.23, which should be 5.31 ozs., $2.81

The Standard weight and value of Silver in Deposit #96 is given as .21 oz., 11 cents, should be .24 oz., 13 cents. The Standard weight and value of the Silver as given in Deposit #104, - 2.07 ozs., $1.10, should have been 3.18 ozs., $1.68.

Evidently, there has not been proper care exercised in making these calculations.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 4, 1892.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

In examining your Abstract sheets for the Quarter ended March 31st, 1894, I find many apparent errors, which I will thank you to explain by return mail:-

Gold Bullion receipt #4 is returned for your endorsement; Silver Deposit #1 must be made on a separate sheet entitled "Deposits of Silver Bullion for Unparted Bars." Gold and Silver deposits are entirely different Accounts and must not be entered on the same sheet.

In this connection I wish to ask why you

did not place on your Silver sheet the Deposit of 610.59 ozs. marked "very poor". You must forward the Assay Report on this Deposit showing the charges, if the Deposit was melted and assayed, and it must be otherwise treated as any other Deposit, - returning the Bar to the Depositor but imposing the regular charges.

Your attention is directed to the following errors in your Deposits of Gold Bullion:-

On Deposit #2 you have made a Melting, Assaying and Stamping charge of $1.07 which should be only 27 cents; on #5 your Standard weight and Value as given is 26.266 ozs., $488.67, which should be 26.241 ozs., $488.20 and the M. A. & S. charges on this Deposit you have made $1.24, which should be only 62 cents; on #10 your M. A. & S. charge, 39 cents should be only 19 cents; #14, Standard weight and Value of Silver, you give as 10.79 ozs., $6.47, which should be 10.91 ozs., $6.54; on #17 your M. A. S. charge is 68 cents should be only 34 cents; on #18 your M. A. & S. charge is $1.83, should be only 92 cents; on #41 your M. A. & S. charge is 73 cents should be only 36 cents; on #42 your M. A. & S. charge is 49 cents, should be only 25 cents; on #58 your M. A. & S. charge is 49 cents, should be only 25 cents; on #59 your M. A. & S. charge is 97 cents, should be only 48 cents; on #66 your T. R. Ptg. and Alloy charges is $2.92 should be only $2.45; on #76 your M. A. & S. charge is $8.98, should be only $2.99; on #82 your M. A. & S. charge is $1.24, should be only 62 cents; on #85 your M. A. & S. charge is 28 cents, should be only 14 cents.

Unless there have been extra charges imposed upon the Deposits above cited, the errors are manifest. In all cases where extra charges are made the reasons

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should be stated in full, on the Assay Report.

More care should be exercised in making up your Accounts.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $498.20, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$298.20
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	200.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 4, 1894.

L. Strauss & Sons,
P. O. Box #1000
New York City.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 3rd instant, relative to the price of Silver per fine ounce, as used in estimating the values of Foreign coins April 1st 1894, I have to say that the price used was $0.6423.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Carson to that of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco of the sum Thirty-nine Thousand Two Hundred and Six $\frac{04}{100}$ Dollars ($39,206.04) in Gold Coin, being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Carson, as shown by Memorandum No. 4812, 4813, dated April 21, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 7, 1894.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 4812-13, dated April 21, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be ($39,206.04); charges —, and net value ($39,206.04). For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May 1894, has been approved for the sum of $40,500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$ 3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	30,000
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	7,000

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

+ + + May, 1894 +
+ $1,100.00 + + +

Salaries	1894,	$ 450
Wages of Workmen	1894,	650

May 7, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me the amount turned over to you by your predecessor, O. C. Bosbyshell, on account of unpaid orders for minor coins, the date you assumed the duties of Superintendent, and also the amount

due at the same date for such coins. I would be pleased to have this information by return mail.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 7, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2,000.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution, during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 7, 1894.

Eugene Townsend Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $5,000 from the appropriation for the Storage and Handling of Silver Bullion, Act July 14, 1890, to meet the expenses of your mint on account of that service during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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May 7, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Month ending April 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter to:
W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

May 7, 1894.

Telegram Confirmed

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Ship bullion as heretofore directed by Great Northern Express Company.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

May 7, 1894.

Hon. Charles Curtis,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Your letter of current date requesting that a copy of the "Mineral Resources of the United States" be sent J. J. McCullough, Esq., Delavan, Morris County, Missouri, has been referred to the Director of the Geological Survey. This Department has no copies for distribution.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $21,500.00, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$ 3,500
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	14,000
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	4,000

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U.S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N.C.

+ + + May, 1894, +
+ $316.52 + + +

Salaries,	1894,	$ 234.30
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	82.22

May 8, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $2,500.00, to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution

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during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 8, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending April 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 8, 1894.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
St. Louis.

Sir:

C. D. No. 576 for $12.00 being on account of Special Assays, Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894, inclosed in your communication of the no letter, has been received, properly indorsed, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. Send itemized statement for the above amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director, Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address:

over.

C. D. No. 577 for $70.96 + + Melting Assaying and Stamping Chgs. Dr. endg. Mch. 31, 1894 + + + + personal credit + bullion + Treasury, as a miscellaneous receipt. Please send all certificates direct to this Bureau with letter of transmittal, (see Form 108 A.)

C. D. No. 577 for $21.78 + Value of D. M. Room grains, Dr. endg. Mch 31, 1894, + + no letter + + + personal credit + bullion + as a miscellaneous receipt. Send separate certificate for each amount.

May 8, 1894.

R. P. Rothwell, Esq.,
253 Broadway,
New York City.

Sir:

In the 5th of May number of the Engineering and Mining Journal, you give the mineral production of Canada for 1893, the figures being subject to revision. If you have the figures for 1892, I should feel obliged to you for them. I have not been able to find them in your Journal.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, to that of the U. S. Mint at Phila.

delphia of the sum of Sixty-five Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-six $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars ($65,866.87) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Thirty-eight $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($238.25) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty-six Thousand One Hundred and Five $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars ($66,105.12), being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Mint at Denver as shown by Memorandum No. 41, dated May 4, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at Charlotte + Mint at Philadelphia + Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-five $\frac{00}{100}$ Dollars ($17,725.00) in Gold Coin, and Thirty-seven $\frac{54}{100}$ Dollars ($37.54) in Silver Coin, + + Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-two $\frac{54}{100}$ ($17,762.54) + Bullion + Assayer + U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte + Memorandum No. 4 + April 30, 1894, + Gold Bullion + said Mint.

May 9, 1894.

James F. Meline, Esq.,
Assistant Treasurer, United States.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will visit the Mint at Philadelphia on the 10th. instant, with a view of adopting such measures as may be deemed necessary to facilitate the counting of the Silver Dollars stored in Vault "C" of that Mint.

While engaged in such service your

necessary expenses will be paid upon your rendering an account for the same to this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint

May 9, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 41, dated May 4, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 41, dated April 30, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $66,189.80; charges $84.68, and net value $66,105.12. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as noted, to:
W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Deposit Memorandum No. 4, + May 4, 1894 + Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 4 + April 30, 1894 + + + $17,804.85; + $42.31, + + $17,762.54. + transfer + requested + bullion fund + Institution + Mint at Philadelphia.

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With a view to facilitate the more rapid counting of the Silver Dollars now in Vault "C" of your Mint, I have requested Mr. Meline, Assistant Treasurer, U. S. - to meet me in Philadelphia to-morrow for consultation with you. It has been virtually decided that it would be best to send counters from this Department who are accustomed to handling coin, but it is probable they will not be in Philadelphia before Monday next. However, they will be sent as soon after the visit of Mr. Meline as practicable.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1894.

Col. O. C. Bosbyshell,
Late Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

With a view to facilitate the counting of the Silver Dollars from Vault "C" of the Philadelphia Mint, Mr. Meline, Assistant Treasurer U. S. and myself will be in Philadelphia to-morrow and would be pleased to see you at the Mint about 11 o'clock or as soon thereafter as may be convenient for you.

I will say in this connection, that it has been virtually decided to have counters sent from this Department who are accustomed to handling coin.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1894.

A. M. Brinckle, Esq.,
1420 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the second instant, I send you by to-day's mail a copy of the Instructions and Regulations in Relation to the Transaction of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, upon page 35 of which you will find the regulation governing the assays of ores, etc., by the mints and assay offices.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 9, 1894.

John P. Digney, Esq.,
Ukiah, Oregon.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th ultimo, you are informed that no silver dollars, except proof pieces, have been coined since May, 1893, there being an amount in the Treasury sufficient to pay all notes presented for redemption.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 10, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your

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Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending April 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.
+ + + Ordinary and Refinery
Expense + Month + April 30, 1894.

May 10, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 7th instant, relative to errors in calculations on your Abstract sheets as per letter from this Bureau of the 4th instant, I have to say that the charges on deposit #62 are as follows:-

Parting (4 cent charge)	$1.80
Melting - - - - - - -	1.00
Alloy - - - - - - - -	.08
Total - - - - - -	$2.88

Regarding the error in deposit #33 which you claim was no error but a charge for extra work, which is nevertheless an error, if your extra work is not explained in writing on the Assay Report, which was the fact in this case.

I will state that it is quite impossible for this Bureau to guess, whether there has been any extra work performed on a deposit or not. Your inability to discover an error in

deposit $61 as pointed out in a former letter, is not the fault of this Bureau, the error is there just the same.

As these errors, with but one exception, are in favor of the Government, and as settlements have been made with the Depositors, I do not deem it necessary to return your Bullion and Coin Accounts and your Abstract sheets for correction, but I trust that you will see that more care will be exercised in making the calculations on your Abstract sheets in future.

Very respectfully,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director, Mint.

May 10, 1894.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Arrange to make transfer when mutually agreeable, and deposit unexpended balances of appropriations.

F. P. Gross,
Acting Director, Mint.

Telegrams Confirmed

May 10, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Have Melter and Refiner make clean up as you suggest, if it will not cause unnecessary delay in transfer.

F. P. Gross,
Acting Director, Mint.

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Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Nevada Tribune," Carson City and the "Examiner", San Francisco, inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as noted to:
Assayer in Charge Mint U. S.,
Denver, Colorado.

+ + + + "Colorado Evening Sun." + + +

May 11, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-five $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars ($75,945.64) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Eight $\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars ($108.20) in Silver Coin, making a total of Seventy-six Thousand and Fifty-three $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars ($76,053.84) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum No. 42,

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dated May 7, 1894, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:
+ + + Assay Office at Boise + Mint at Philadelphia + Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-nine $\frac{80}{100}$ Dollars ($12,739.80) + and Sixty $\frac{90}{100}$ Dollars ($60.90) + + Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and $\frac{70}{100}$ Dollars ($12,800.70) + Bullion + Assay Office at Boise + + Memorandum No. 32 + May 8, 1894, + +

May 11, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Eugene B. McSwyny a Clerk of Class "D." in this Bureau, be designated for examination for promotion to a Clerkship of Class "E".

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 11, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery & Storage of Silver Bullion, accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., for the month ending April 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to same address:

over.

+ + + Ordinary & Refinery expense
+ Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans
+ Month + April 30, 1894, + + +

May 11, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 42, dated May 7, 1894, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 42, dated May 3, 1894, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $76.185.43; charges $131.59, and net value $76,053.84. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Deposit Memorandum No. 32 + May 8, 1894,
+ Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 30 +
April 30, 1894, + + + +
$12,834.63 + $33.93, + + $12,800.70.
+ + Mint at Philadelphia.

May 11, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins received at your Mint during the Months of April & May, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Dimes	Del. 6	.20
6 Quarters	" 7, 8 & 9	1.50
18 Eagles	Del. 88, 89, 90, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, & 99	$180.00
	Total	$181.70

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

6 Half Dollars	Dels. 50, 51 & 54	3.00
12 D Eagles	" 28, 29, 30, 34, 35 & 36	240.00
	Total	$243.00

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

6 Halves	Dels. 103, 104 & 105	3.00
10 Quarters	" 106, 107, 108, 109, 110	2.50
	Total	$5.50

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Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination

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and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery and Storage of Silver Bullion accounts for the month ending April 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as noted to:
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+	+		+ Ordinary & Refinery expense
+	+	Month	+ April 30, 1894 + +

May 12, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that E. B. McSwyny, a clerk of Class "D" in this Office be promoted to a clerkship of Class "E", he having formerly held a clerkship of the first class.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City for the month ending April 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Director.

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Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City, N. Y.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery accounts for the month ending April 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1894.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of May, 1894, has been approved for the sum of $1,072.60, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office, during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1894,	$272.60
Wages of Workmen,	1894,	
Contingent Expenses,	1894,	800.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 12, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary

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of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Philadelphia Volksblatt" inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to request that you will return to this Bureau the letter forwarded to you, from the Honorable T. F. Bayard, in regard to Mrs. Eschenberg, which was not returned with your answer as to the cause of her removal.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon assay coins taken from the first and two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the Month of April 1894, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint,

Similar letters except as noted, to:

over.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

+ + + March, 1894, + +

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + March, 1894 + +

May 12, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of May 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 111	.50
Total		$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8th inst. requesting authority to purchase a ledger, two copying books and 12 sheets of oil paper, I would state that as these articles are furnished by the Department, authority to purchase, in this case, cannot be granted.

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You will please furnish sample of the books for the use of the printer.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1894.

W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending April 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 12, 1894.

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of the 8th instant, explaining errors on your Abstract sheets for the Quarter ended March 31, 1894, I have to say that your explanation of the supposed deposit of silver bullion of 610.59 ozs. is entirely satisfactory and I herewith return the Mint receipt, as it does not enter into your Accounts.

On all Assay reports where extra charges were made, as per your letter, I have made the corrections. In future please note all extra charges on your Assay reports.

The other errors being small, and all in

favor of the Government, I do not deem it necessary to return your Abstract sheets for correction.

Your Bullion and Coin Accounts are herewith returned for correction as indicated in pencil. Please be kind enough to return the original with the corrected Accounts.

The balance in Profit & Loss A/C. - $36.68,- gain on shipments, you will carry in this Account with any additional gain that you may have as a fund to draw from, should your shipments to Philadelphia at any time during the year, show a loss.

At the end of the Fiscal year, the amount of this gain you will deposit with the Assistant Treasurer, forwarding the Certificate to this Bureau.

Please forward with the corrected Bullion and Coin Accounts, your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ended March 31, 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1894.

W. Poindexter Esq.,
Attorney-at-Law,
Cleburne, Texas.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo, I forward you by to-day's mail a copy of the annual report of the Director of the Mint upon the production of the precious metals in the United States for the calendar year 1892, upon page 222 of which you will find the production of gold and silver for a series of years.

In reply to your third question, I would state

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that the mints of the United States are not open to the coinage of silver. The Secretary of the Treasury can coin, however, such an amount in silver dollars as he may deem necessary for the redemption of Treasury notes, issued for the purchase of silver bullion, under the act of July 14, 1890.

In reply to the fourth question, I would say that the present annual capacity of our mints for the coinage of gold depends entirely upon the size of the pieces to be coined. Of double eagles we could readily coin (if the bullion were deposited) $130,000,000; as to silver dollars, the capacity would be about $45,000,000.

Fifth. The monthly coinage of gold depends in a great measure upon the amount deposited. For a series of years past, owing to the heavy demands upon the mints for the coinage of silver, gold has only been coined as actually needed, hence, a large amount of gold bullion has accumulated in the Treasury, which we are now converting into coin as rapidly as possible. The gold coinage for this present fiscal year, which ends June 30th, will be about $100,000,000.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1894.

Dear Mr. Leech:

The case of the United States vs. the Bondsmen of Cochran will be called on the 21st instant. They have entered a plea that Cochran resigned on March 5, 1887, and, therefore, was no longer Weigh Clerk. If you remember, there were some errors in the statements of deposits

and purchases of silver, which were discovered long afterwards. These were made by H. A. Chester, who was Assistant Weigh Clerk, but Mr. Fox demanded the resignation of Cochran at that time, and you interceded very strongly with Dr. Kimball in his behalf, with the result that Dr. Kimball wrote Mr. Fox a letter stating that the errors were made by Chester, that Cochran was not responsible, and that the statements should have been made by the Book-Keeper and not by the Weigh Clerk. Mr. Fox never notified the Bureau, as far as I can find, that he had even demanded the resignation of Mr. Cochran. The District Attorney thinks it important that you should be present at the trial, and I have given your name to him to be summoned as a witness.

Very truly,
R. E. Preston.

Hon. E. O. Leech,
New York, N. Y.

May 12, 1894.

Hon. Peter J. Somers,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, I would say that there is no limit as to the amount of abrasion on silver coin. It is redeemable in lawful money in sums of ten dollars or any multiple thereof, so long as the coin is not mutilated, or fraudulently abraided.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. H. M. Teller,
U. S. Senate.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of current date, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a statement of the Imports and Exports of Gold from November, 1893 to May, 1894.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Months	Gold Imports	Gold Exports
(1893) November	$4,499,256	$325,288
December	794,717	2,656,614
(1894) January	732,795	1,284,208
February	2,177,073	3,211,352
March	1,169,176	4,021,265
April	385,749#	8,066,982#
Total	$9,758,766	$19,565,709

Gold coin only, at the Port of New York.

May 12, 1894.

Dr. Alexander Muckle,
Care of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, I would say that I do not know what your chances might be for the Assistant Coiner's place. You should make application to Dr. Townsend, the Superintendent of the Mint, as the appointment is made by him

upon the nomination of the Coiner. Those are the parties upon whom to bring your guns to bear.

Yours truly,
R. E. Preston.

May 12, 1894.

J. H. Purple, Esq.,
Manager Holmes & Edwards Silver Co.,
63 & 65 Washington Street,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, you are informed that as yet the design for the medal of award of the World's Columbian Exposition has not been adopted. It is probable, however, that a design will soon be completed that will be satisfactory, and the medals delivered in the course of five or six months.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 12, 1894.

Professor E. Benjamin Andrews,
Brown University,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of the 9th instant, stating that the Hon. A de Foville had written to this Bureau requesting to be furnished with any history or description that may be in our possession, in regard to the mints of the United States, but as yet had received no reply. In answer, I would say that I have had no letter from Mr. de Foville. I will take pleasure in forwarding

him in a few days Evans' Illustrated History of the Mint, and such other documents as I can collect, which I think will interest him.

Very respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 14, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution, with the First National, Colorado National and Denver National Banks, Denver.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters except as noted, to same address: over.

+ + + bullion account's +
Assayer in charge + Assay Office at Charlotte
+ Quarter + March 31, 1894, + + +

+ + + bullion account's
+ Assayer in charge + Assay Office at Boise
+ Quarter + March 31, 1894, + + +

May 14, 1894.

W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National, Colorado National and Denver National Banks, Denver.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1892.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Helena.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your bullion account's for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, to the following: over.

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W. E. Ardrey, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Charlotte.

F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
Boise.

May 14, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Under date of March 22, and 28, 1887, the late D. N. Fox, then Superintendent of the Mint, transmitted copies of letters of H. S. Cochran, Weigh Clerk, to this Bureau, explaining discrepancies in statements of deposits and purchases. I have to request that you will take these letters from your files, so that I may have access to them on Wednesday next, when I expect to be in Philadelphia. I have copies of these letters, but it is desirous to have access to the originals, for the use of the United States District Attorney.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

The Assayer of the Bureau forwards you by express to-day a package containing 123.63 standard ounces of gold, and 41.02 ounces of silver, resulting from the melting of special assay coins for the

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Quarter ended March 31, 1894. For the silver the subsidiary rate will be allowed. No charges will be imposed by you upon this bullion.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1894.

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of May, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Half Dollars	Del. 55 + 56	2.00
Total		$ 2.00

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
New Orleans, La.

+	+	+
2 Quarters	Del. 112	.50
Total		$ .50

May 14, 1894.

Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Before petty voucher No. 16 pertaining to your Ordinary Account for the month of April can be approved, it will be necessary for you to submit

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an explanation of the necessity for the purchase of the caps, charged in the voucher. If the caps were for the use of your messengers, and it was considered important that they should have some distinctive feature in their dress, the men should have supplied themselves, as it is contrary to the custom of the Department to supply articles of clothing to its employees, other than gloves, sleeves, etc., used in the rough work of the mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 14, 1894.

J. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the Month ending April 30, 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
F. F. Church, Esq.,
Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise, Idaho.

+ + + Ordinary expense
+ Month + April 30, 1894.

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T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Carson, Nevada.

Please forward duplicate report on the production of Nevada for 1893. Original lost.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

Telegrams Confirmed.

May 14, 1894.

Hon. H. H. Bingham,
House of Representatives.

Have mailed you copies of reports of Director containing information asked for in your telegram of to-day.

R. E. Preston,
Director, Mint.

May 14, 1894.

Hon. H. H. Bingham,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of current date, I send you by mail to-day copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint, for 1887, on pages 122-124, Report of 1888 page 32, Report for 1890, pages 60-70, Report for 1891, pages 77-91, and Report for 1892, pages 64-68, of which you will find the reasons given by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of the Mint for increased mint facilities at Philadelphia, set forth.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Hon. Patrick Walsh,
United States Senate.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I would state that the edition of the table showing the approximate stocks of money in the aggregate and per capita in the principal countries of the world, issued by this Bureau under date of August 16, 1893, is exhausted; but I send you six copies of the annual report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, upon pages 49-50 of which you will find the table referred to, corrected up to November 1, 1893.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement the Ordinary & Refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev., for the month ending April 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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May 15, 1894.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Supt. Mint U. S.,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery expense accounts for the month ending April 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1894.

Andrew Mason, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Please forward your Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ended March 31, 1894, without delay.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1894.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Observer," inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your Office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

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May 15, 1894.

Hon. Henry H. Bingham,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of current date you are informed that all bullion purchased by the Government under the Acts of February 28, 1878 and July 14, 1890, was delivered at the several coinage mints free of charge for delivery.

I enclose herewith a statement showing the expense of distributing silver coins at the Philadelphia Mint from 1878 to 1893 inclusive.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1894.

Hon. A. R. Kiefer,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, you are informed that no steps are being taken by the Treasury towards establishing additional mints. Coinage operations are now being carried on at the mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans, and San Francisco. The capacity of the mints is governed entirely by the metal used, and the denominations of coins struck. For instance, the coinage of gold at the Philadelphia mint during the current fiscal year will be over $80,000,000. The capacity of the New Orleans mint is about $1,000,000 per month, and of the mint at San Francisco, one and a quarter millions in Silver Dollars.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 15, 1894.

H. B. Worrell, Esq.,
555 North 17th Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Yours of the 14th instant is received, and I shall lay the same before the Secretary of the Treasury upon his return, the latter part of the week. I have no doubt that the whole question will be settled at an early day.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 16, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of May, 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

4 Eagles	Dels. 102 & 103	40.00
Total		$40.00

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Actg Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to:

John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Half Dollars	Del. 57	1.00
2 " "	" 58	1.00
Total		$2.00

over.

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Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U. S.,
New Orleans, La.

2 Half Dollars	,	Del. 113	, 1.00
Total	,		, $1.00

May 16, 1894.

Overton Cade, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I herewith return for correction, Statements as follows:- Form #211, "Loss on Sale of Sweeps" date March 7th 1894; Form #193, for March, 1894; Form #207, "Earnings & Expenditures" and a portion of your Bullion and Coin Accounts for the Quarter ended March 31, 1894.

Please correct and return with the original Statements without delay.

Very respectfully,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director, Mint

May 16, 1894.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Independent" inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
F. P. Gross,
Acting Director.

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May 17, 1894.

Hon. J. G. Carlisle,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-), by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U.S., at New York, and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Medal Fund account of the late Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

May 17, 1894.

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of

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One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and advice of credit be given by wire.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1894.

O. C. Bosbyshell, Esq.,
Late Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending March 31, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1894.

Col. O. C. Bosbyshell,
Late Superintendent Mint U. S.,
Care of the Fidelity Mutual Life Association,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

It appears that you have not as yet made good the balance due from you on account of unpaid orders for minor coins. While I regret very much the necessity of doing so, still I must insist upon your paying over this amount without any further delay; otherwise, I shall be compelled to place the matter in the hands of the District Attorney. It is a disagreeable duty, but it is

one that I cannot avoid. I earnestly hope that you will give the matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1894.

Eugene Townsend, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins, reserved at your Mint during the Month of May 1894, and forwarded to the Bureau of the Mint for special assay, have been received, viz:

2 Quarters	Del. 10	,	.50
Total	,	,	$ .50

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as noted, to:
John Daggett, Esq.,
Superintendent Mint U.S.,
San Francisco, Cal.

2 Quarters	Del 59	,	.50
Total	,	,	$ .50

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Superintendent Mint U.S.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, in reference to the metal resulting from melting of one-cent nickel pieces, I have to say that after the first of July, when the appropriation

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for Contingent Expenses of your Mint will become available, we will make a contract with the Scovill Manufacturing Company, or some other parties, to deliver blanks in exchange for this metal.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1894.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, in relation to your balance of appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1894, your attention is directed to letter of advice from this Bureau of March 19th, in regard to payement of two bills of the Northern Pacific Railroad, from which you will find that 13 cents, of the $14.91 paid, was to be charged against the appropriation for 1894.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 17, 1894.

J. H. Purple, Esq.,
Manhattan Silver Plate Co.,
65 and 67 Washington Street,
Chicago, Ills.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I would state that I am unable to give you the wording of the medal of award of the World's Columbian Exposition until the design of the reverse of the medal has

been adopted. As soon as this is done, I will be able to furnish you with the wording.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1894.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. for the month ending April 30, 1894, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director.

Similar letters, except as noted to same address:

+ + + Ordinary Expense +
Assayer in charge + Helena, Montana,
+ Month ending April 30, 1894 + +

+ + + Bullion +
Assayer in charge + Assay Office at
St. Louis + Quarter + March 31, 1894,
+ + as required by law.

+ + + Bullion accounts
+ Superintendent + Mint at Carson
+ Quarter + March 31, 1894 +
+ + as required by law.

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W. J. Puckett, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary expense account for the month ending April 30, 1894, with my approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters except as noted, to the following:

W. D. Wheeler, Esq.,
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

\+ + + Ordinary expense
\+ month + April 30, 1894 + +

Guy Bryan, Esq.,
Assayer in charge,
St. Louis.

\+ + Bullion account's
\+ Quarter endg. March 31, 1894 + +

May 18, 1894.

T. R. Hofer, Esq.,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Bullion and Coin Accounts for the Quarter ended March 31, 1894, with my approval, except overpayment of 20 cents on

deposit of silver bullion #57 of 19.50 ounces, dated February 6, 1894.

The Parting charge on this deposit should have been a 4 1/2 instead of a 3 1/2 cent charge.

You will please correct this error in your next Quarter's Accounts by debiting your "Gold Coin" Account and crediting your "Parting and Refining" Account with the amount of the error, (20 cents).

The Certificate of Deposit forwarded this Bureau covering in the Parting & Refining charges at the close of the present Quarter, should include this amount as well as the amount of Parting & Refining charges on your Statement of Earnings & Expenditures.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1894.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise in the "Idaho Democrat", inviting proposals for supplies that will be required by your institution during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

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Gorham Manufacturing Company,
Broadway and 19th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Copies of the Washington Memorial Arch of the St. Gaudens medal in bronze have been received, and by direction of the Secretary I thank you in behalf of the Department for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.

May 18, 1894.

Augustus St. Gaudens, Esq.,
148 West 36th Street,
New York City.

Sir:

I am very much gratified by the receipt of your letter of yesterday stating that you would prepare and submit a new design for the reverse of the World's Columbian Exposition medal. As soon as the reverse is received, preparations will be made to have it engraved immediately, and to make a faithful reproduction of the same. I feel sure that the Mint has made a success in the engraving of the obverse, and will be equally successful in engraving the reverse.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Director of the Mint.